

Corrections Canada to visit Six Nations to discuss inmate's transfer plan

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A team of Corrections Canada officials will be visiting Six Nations in early January to try to get an agreement in place that could see a Six Nations man become the first aboriginal inmate to be released to the care and control of his community

Corrections Canada Communications Director, John Vandoremalen, said a plan has to be in place in order to transfer the inmate to the community. "From what I can see of his file, there is no agreement in place yet," he said Monday.

But, he said, "that doesn't mean there won't be. It isn't a lost cause. The team will be at Six Nations in January to try and work out an agreement."

Sam Hill could become the first aboriginal inmate in Canada to be transferred to the "care and control" of his community under Section 81 of the Corrections Act



Sam Hill

that allow inmates to be housed in their communities under stringent conditions.

Six Nations director of social ser-

vices, Tuesday MacDonald told Six Nations Band Council last week Hill would not be returning to Six Nations before Christmas.

MacDonald told council a plan that was being worked out had been questioned by a Correction's Canada official. "They questioned the integrity of the community and this council to carry out the plan," she said.

MacDonald, said the transfer plan had been established by Corrections Canada lawyers and the social services department.

"Now they're questioning your integrity. Your ability to carry this

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