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# Jail's lease good until 2000

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COBOURG — The province has extended the lease of the historic Cobourg Jail property on Albert Street from Northumberland County until the end of the year 2000.

But it will not hold up development at the harbourfront, predicts harbour developer, James Hoffman.

The 1906 building is a key heritage building in redevelopment of the area.

Mr. Hoffman once suggested it could become a hotel/convention centre for the area although during yesterday's interview he said that there is no "specific use" identified at this time for the building.



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This summer 30 more condominium units will be built on Hibernia Street and north, added Mr. Hoffman.

The county has "worked with" his development company, he said, referring to the land swap that occurred last year.

Mr. Hoffman acquired a six-metre (20-foot) strip of land which the Town of Cobourg needed for a sanitary sewer truck line to service his lands on the south side of the jail in exchange for a similar-size chunk of land on the south west corner of the jail property at Albert and Third streets.

The jail lease brings the county \$53,265 annually and can be terminated with six month's notice.

It has been identified for closure by the province when Ontario's Super Jails are constructed.

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The Cobourg Jail building was constructed in 1906. PHOTO BY TED AMSDEN

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