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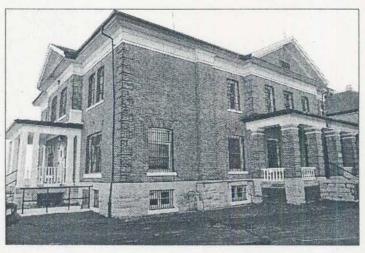


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DO I HAVE A BID? Cobourg jail is expected to go on the block in early December.

Cobourg jail on auction block

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Part of the local area's heritage is expected to go on the auction block in early December.

Northumberland County — which owns the jail located north of the harbour in Cobourg's downtown — will sell the edifice through Gordon Auctioneers & Realty Inc.

County councillors passed the necessary bylaw at Wednesday's meeting.

"The jail auction target date is the first week of December," county project manager Judy Collar said.

The county expects to pays upwards of \$8,000 for upfront marketing of the 1906 jail and the auction company takes a 10-per-cent commission fee. This is paid by the highest bidder.

The auctioneer will provide a 20-per-cent co-brokerage fee for co-operating real estate agents "if they register the buyer according to the rules set out by the auctioneer," states the bylaw.

The property is considered to be a key piece in the overall development of the lands surrounding Cobourg's harbour, linking it with the downtown core.

It has become surplus since the province closed the jail earlier this year as part of its plan to build "superjails" throughout the province.

Prisoners were moved to the Peterborough Jail and now local police departments transfer them from that location to Cobourg and Port Hope courts and back again.

