

## More specifics needed: Jones

Opposition leader Yvonne Jones says more specifics are needed from the federal budget to determine whether the plan will benefit workers and the provincial economy.

"Infrastructure spending, tax cuts, money for industry sectors and communities experiencing hardships all have the potential to provide some relief to workers and sectors negatively impacted by the current economic problems," states Ms. Jones. "However, the funding announced in the budget is vague and doesn't provide any specifics as to how much will be coming to our province and which projects will receive funding."

Ms. Jones notes she's disappointed there was no mention of

the Lower Churchill as a national infrastructure project; nor was there a breakdown as to how much the forestry and fishery sectors in the province will receive: no indication how much affected communities and workers in towns such as Grand Falls-Windsor or Labrador City and Wabush will receive under this budget to help offset the negative impacts facing industry towns.

"This budget promises lots of spending, however, the devil will be in the details. Only time will tell whether the average Newfoundlander and Labradorian will receive any true benefit from this budget or whether our province will again receive less than its fair share of the federal pot," she points out.