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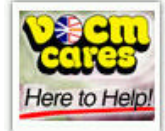


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### Jones and Letto Want Government to Help Lab West February 2, 2009

Liberal Leader Yvonne Jones says government is neglecting the people of Labrador West by failing to deal with the rash of layoffs in the area. Jones visited the region last week for meetings with various groups including town officials, union leaders and members of the business community. She suggests government needs to do more to address the situation. Jones indicates government is not treating Labrador's economic problems, with the same attention as those in central Newfoundland. Jones says when AbitibiBowater announced the closure of the mill, cabinet ministers immediately chartered a flight to Grand Falls-Windsor, to meet with groups and establish a task force. She says there has been nothing similar for Lab West, on the layoff of 500 people over the course of a few short months.

Labrador City Mayor Graham Letto tends to agree, but says government's reaction is typical. Letto indicates Labrador West has never been treated like the rest of the province whenever a crisis develops. Letto says government needs to start construction on the projects they've promised to the area. Letto says he and Wabush Mayor Jim Farrell are calling for construction to begin on the hospital, the new college and other such projects. That would allow those being laid off from the mines to gain work at those projects.



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