

## **Liberal leader meets with Jackson's Arm workers**

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Liberal Leader Yvonne Jones was in Jackson's Arm, White Bay Friday to meet with town officials and plant workers about the shrimp plant in the town.

The plant, owned by Northern Shrimp Company Ltd, won't open this year, in part due to quota cuts by the federal government.

Jones met with community leaders from four communities in the region who depend on the plant for work.

" This community is totally taken aback by what has happened," she told The Telegram.

" They certainly weren't prepared for one of the largest industries in their community ( to) shut down and it's taking its toll on people."

Jones said workers want to see more action from the provincial government.

So far, she said, discussions with the province have been about short-term, make-work projects to get them through the summer. But Jones wants the government to do more.

She said the province should do the same for workers in Jackson's Arm — and other rural communities effected by fishery closures — the same as they did for workers in the central region who lost their jobs when AbitibiBowater shut down the Grand Falls-Windsor paper mill.