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Opposition House Leader Urges Province to Consider Funding Shipyard Dock



Opposition House Leader Kelvin Parsons says it's still uncertain as to whether the provincial government will provide any financial assistance to help build a graving dock at the Marystown Shipyard. The federal government announced its \$35 billion shipbuilding strategy last week, and the Marystown Shipyard is considered to be a contender for some of the work. The town has been lobbying government since 2006 for financial help to build a graving dock, which officials say could improve the yard's chances of winning federal shipbuilding contracts. While town officials have met with three business ministers and their local MHA's, a commitment is yet to be made. Parsons is encouraging the province to give the

dock urgent consideration. He says the delays have gone on long enough and the people of the Burin Peninsula deserve an answer as to whether or not a graving dock is a government priority.