

## Can we spend our way to prosperity?

It's called deficit financing, which is really a misnomer. It should be called deficit spending.

That about sums up Finance Minister Bill Morneau's budget issued last week.

To fiscal conservatives it's the worst thing since unsliced bread. To fans of Keynesian economics, it makes perfect sense. You print money to kick-start a lagging economy. While Morneau vows to keep the promises made by the Liberals in the last federal election, that means spending. And spending. And spending some more.

Unlike their tight-fisted predecessors, the Conservatives under Stephen Harper, the Liberals are putting their faith in the ingenuity of Canadians.

They are hoping their spending on innovation will bolster businesses that can re-make our economy from a commodities driven machine that is tied to the up-down cycles of oil and gas and gold and potash, to an innovative driven one that leans heavily on education and technology.

But can Canada spend itself to prosperity?

This country, under Trudeau and Morneau, is taking a new fiscal path, one that went untrav-elled by Harper who prided himself on his tight hold on the country's purse strings.

The budget deficit projections of \$29.4 billion, even blow past projections made up by the Grits in their successful election run last year.

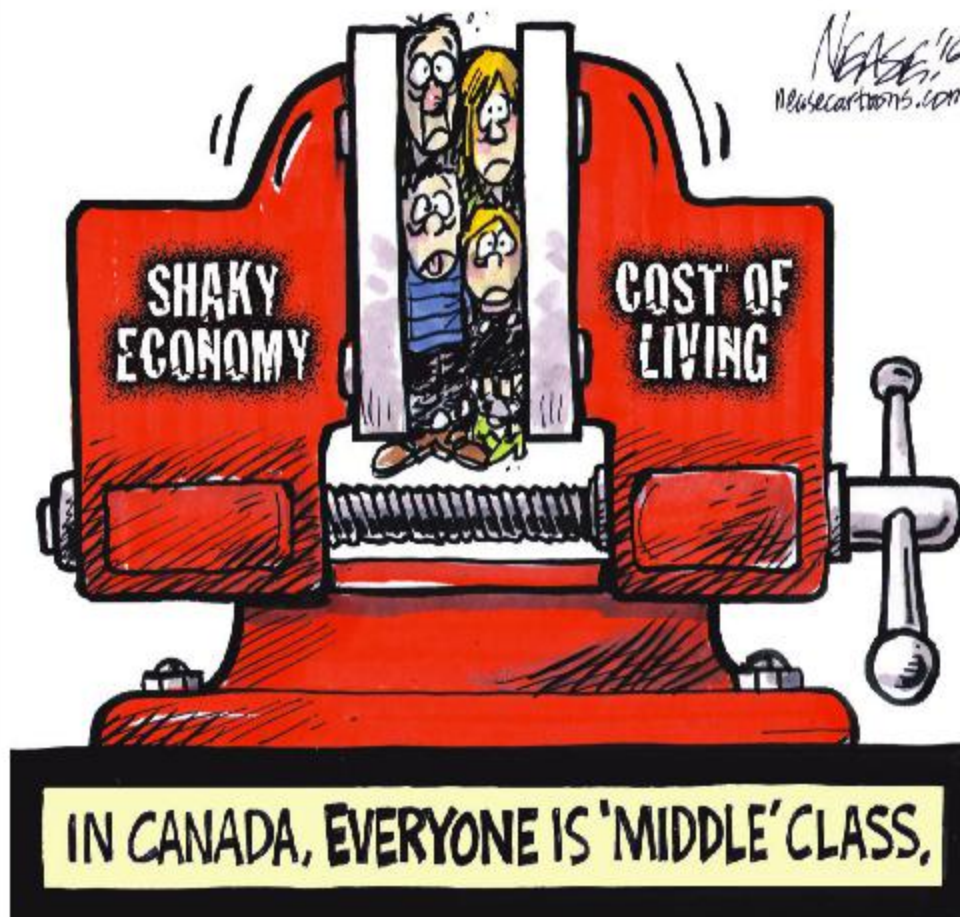
Basically, the Liberals are investing in education, innovation, commercialization of new ideas driven by technology, and through the years, we will emerge stronger, more economically viable. It will make us more competitive on a global scale.

Investing money we don't have on projects that might succeed, is a chancy gamble, but one the Liberals are willing to take. Throwing money at public transit and infrastructure and extra cash for single seniors and enhancements to employment insurance is either a recipe for a prosperous future, or more recession. So will it really work?

The shiny Liberals seem to think so. The more prudent are not so sure.

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## Letters to the editor

### Good people live in Georgetown

I believe in angels and on March 9, two very Good Samaritans came in to my life.

Before getting into my car I placed my purse on the roof while putting other items in the back seat. What a shock when I reached my destination and realized where I had left it.

I quickly retraced my route but didn't see it on the road. I returned home and began to cancel cards that were in my purse.

I was about to go to Ontario Services to get a temporary driver's licence and see about my OHIP card.

However, there was a knock at my door and a young lady had my purse in her hand. She saw it hanging on a stop sign at the intersection of Duncan Dr. and Sinclair Ave. that I had passed through. My first Good Samaritan must have hung it there and Jana, my second, returned it to me.

Thank you very much to the honest person who retrieved my purse from

the road and to Jana, who noticed it on the sign and brought it to my home. I am very fortunate and lucky to have had wonderful and honest people come to my rescue.

Georgetown is a friendly, caring community and I am fortunate to have lived here for 48 years.

Mary Mlodozenec,  
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### How well are students prepared?

Students are moulded to memorize textbooks and to specifically cite information taught in class, but how does this help with any learning skill qualities? Learning skill qualities are an important aspect to get a grasp of, especially to be prepared for post-secondary education.

High schools grade students based on their homework skills, initiative and organization, but teachers don't seem to follow the specific requirements that outline the overall work ethic. Teachers use the outline of learning skills to

try to discipline students. A common penalty is each day five per cent is taken off for late assignments. This is probably the most ridiculous lie a high school student has ever heard, as late penalties have been seen to not always be put in place. This statement shocks many students, especially when hitting post-secondary education.

Students accept their offers to a post-secondary school and without realizing, their world is about to flip upside down. The cause of this emotional flip is due to what is expected of individuals as university or college students. We as students become overwhelmed with workloads and late penalties, things that were never implemented before.

Today in 2016, it has been stated that Ontario is to offer grants to cover college tuition for low-income students. This can help many, but will it really help when students are struggling to manage their workload?

High school offers great aspects such as extracurricular activities and having students involved in the community, but implementing learning skills to help students with their education is not one of them as they are not applied.

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