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Miller's Scottish Bakery would like to wish M.P.P. and Speaker of the House, Ted Arnott our very best wishes in the upcoming election.

Several years ago, we had a battle with the Liberal government that was then in power, and Mr. Arnott gave us tremendous support throughout the whole ludicrous ordeal.

He didn't care what our political affiliation was, it was enough that one of his constituents was being unfairly treated for him to "go to bat for us".

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OPINION

FEDERAL BUDGET LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED

INCREASED SPENDING SIMPLY NOT SUSTAINABLE, WRITES MICHAEL CHONG



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Column

Astonishingly, the budget document — in my opinion — seems to admit this.

There's a chart on Page 25 of the budget. It shows the average potential annual growth in real GDP per capita of OECD countries from 2020 to 2060. Canada is dead last. This chart is an indictment of the economic policies of this government over the last six years.

The budget increases taxes. It imposes additional taxes on large financial institutions, one of the few areas of growth in recent years.

The budget increases government spending. It adds more than \$56 billion in new spending over the next six years. This is on top of the spending announced in last December's economic update and in last year's budget.

In fact, the federal government is now spending

\$70 billion more per year in this budget than before the pandemic.

That's three per cent of the GDP per year in additional spending. It's not sustainable.

Despite all this new spending, the Trudeau government continues to fall short on Canada's international commitments, including defence spending, climate change and foreign aid.

Martin understood that budgets should create jobs and growth by making investments rather than by increasing consumption, by getting spending down and not putting taxes up, by forever setting aside the old notion that new government programs require additional spending and by reallocating existing spending for new programs.

The Trudeau government has forgotten the lessons of the 1990s. That is why Canada's growth and prosperity are faltering.

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