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Len Webber

Member of Parliament Calgary Confederation

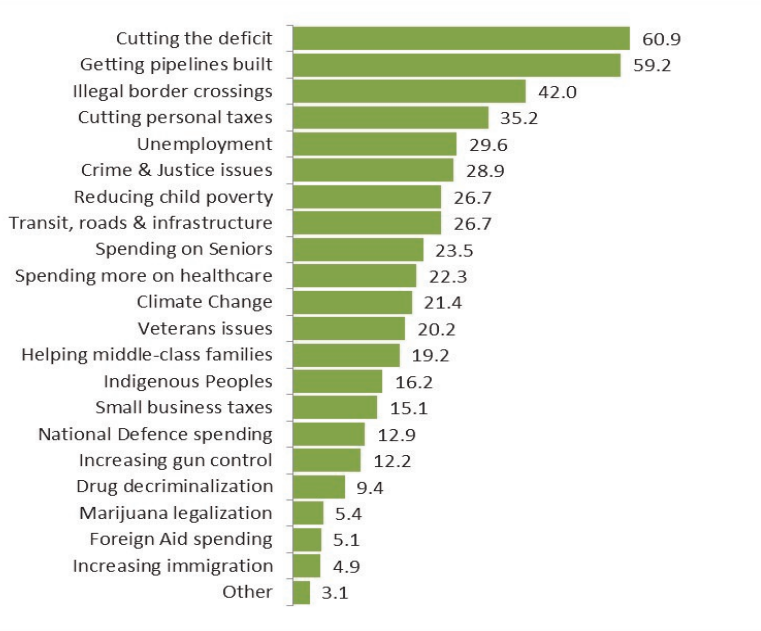
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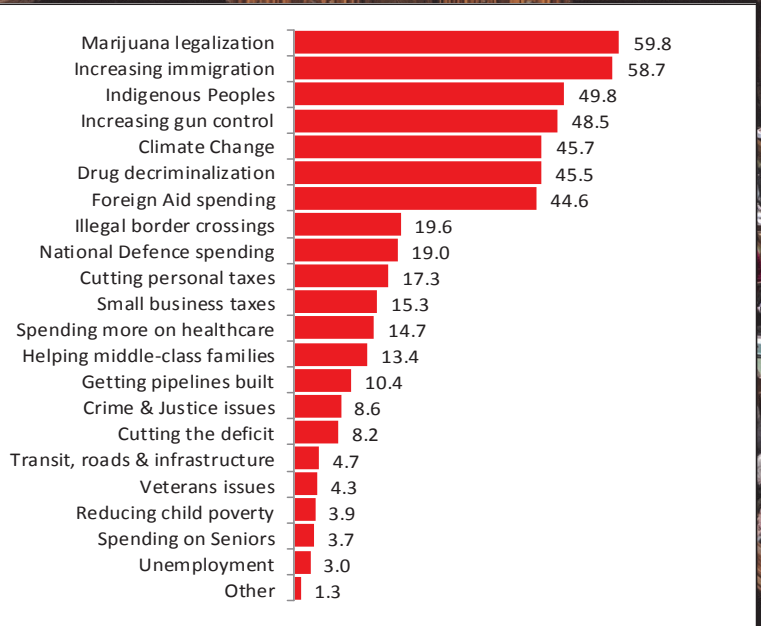


Here are the results of the most recent community survey.
Returning these surveys ensures your views are accurately represented.

The TOP FIVE issues you would like to see Parliament focus on MORE.



The TOP FIVE issues you would like to see Parliament focus on LESS.



A copy of this survey was mailed to all households in Calgary Confederation and the results are accurate to within +/-3.25% 19 times out of 20.



CUTTING THE DEFICIT

How do you think this is best achieved?

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Dear Constituent,

As part of my pledge to represent your views in Parliament, I have regularly consulted with you on important issues through my community mailings and online surveys. This feedback, along with the hundreds of letters and thousands of emails, helps me to better represent the community — even if it is not always in line with my party’s position.

Over the summer I conducted a community survey to find out your top issues of concern. Overwhelmingly, the issue people would like to see Parliament focus on more is ‘**Cutting the Deficit**’.


We all know that the Government of Canada cannot continue to afford spending more money than it collects. It will saddle future generations with unimaginable debt that will put many of our most cherished government programs and services at risk.

Like your own household budget, if you are spending more than you earn you only have three choices — spend less, earn more or a combination of both.

In this community mailing, I would like to ask you how cutting the deficit would best be achieved.

My monthly email newsletter will provide the community survey results and I would encourage you to sign up at www.lenwebber.ca.

Kind regards,


Len Webber, MP
Calgary Confederation



Please return my surveys as your feedback is important.



“The Liberal fiscal plan would see "a modest short-term deficit" of less than \$10 billion for each of the first three years and then a balanced budget by the 2019-2020 fiscal year.”

CBC report in August 2015 during the last federal election campaign

In the final year of the former Conservative government, Finance Canada reported that the federal government ran a \$1.9 billion **surplus**.

After the 2015 election, Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government increased spending at an alarming rate which has generated significant deficits.

The deficits were much larger than what the Liberals said they would be and the Liberal government has no plan to balance the books anytime soon. In fact, the Government’s own Finance Department is projecting that Canada will not have balanced budgets again until 2045 (27 years from now).

Never has a government spent so much and had so little to show for it.

The cost of carrying this debt costs Canadians dearly. Last year, debt servicing charges cost Canadians \$25 Billion which is more than the government spends on all child benefit programs. This means that almost 10 cents of every tax dollar goes to carrying this debt and not a single cent goes to the services and programs we count on.

Just imagine how many schools, hospitals, water treatment facilities and critical infrastructure could be built with an extra \$25 Billion per year.

The federal debt is currently projected to top \$1 Trillion within 15 years. With a retired population that is both expanding and living longer, we will be placing a huge burden on future taxpayers (our children).

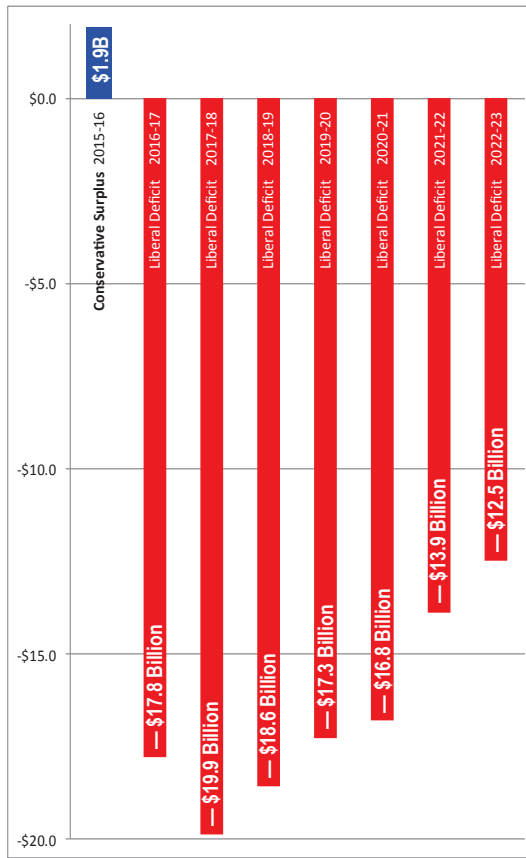
Perhaps most concerning of all is that Canada is running huge deficits during what many consider ‘good economic times’. We are not preparing for a ‘rainy day’ and next time there is an economic downturn, we will likely not be able to afford to weather the storm as well as we did ten years ago.

DID YOU KNOW ?

The federal *Parliamentary Budget Officer* has reported that our provincial finances are unsustainable with planned spending continuing to outpace revenue growth. Currently, the Government of Alberta is projecting annual debt servicing payments of \$442 per Albertan (it was \$61 per Albertan 10 years ago). This is expected to increase at a rate of about \$100 PER YEAR unless major changes are made to Alberta’s spending and revenue forecasts.



Canada’s Budgetary Balance
(billions of dollars)



Source: Finance Canada Fall Economic Update



COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please return this survey postage-free by refolding this document so that the addressing panel is on the outside and taping it closed.

The results of the survey will be printed in Len Webber’s monthly e-newsletter. Thank you for your participation.

The top issue of concern identified in the community survey was ‘cutting the deficit’ and I would like to know how you think that is best achieved...

- ☐ Cut spending ☐ Increase taxes ☐ A combination of both

Comments...

When it comes to addressing the issues you have identified above...

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