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The Mendel, it turns out, has been at the center of a bitter dispute, one rooted in Saskatoon's burst of good fortune.

A few years ago the Mendel board of trustees announced plans to expand and, in conjunction with the city council, decided to relocate the Mendel to ritzy River Landing, a \$93 million project that would also include changing the name of the 49-year-old institution to the Art Gallery of Saskatchewan. Camille Mitchell, a granddaughter of gallery founder Fred Mendel, was furious. "By basically stealing the paintings of the Mendel Gallery and stripping the Mendel name," she told a local newspaper, "[the board] has a great way to get more money in their pockets."

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