

*Joe Kuchta continues his fine exposé of the ongoing mismanagement of the Mendel Art Gallery move at his blog [Owls and Roosters](#) :*

More spending, more secrecy, more sham meetings and more lies. In other words, it's business as usual on the Art Gallery of Saskatchewan (AGS) file.

At a press conference on May 25, 2011, Mayor Don Atchison and Mendel Art Gallery board chair Art Knight unveiled a series of schematic drawings for the new gallery by architectural firms Smith Carter Architects and Engineers and Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects (KPMB). It was also revealed, almost as an afterthought, that the estimated cost of the new building has soared to \$84 million, a 52.7 per cent increase from the \$55 million price tag that was originally announced on April 3, 2009.

[Read the full entry at Owls and Roosters.](#)