

*From the StarPhoenix June 23, 2011 - Letter to the Editor*

Your editorial, *Major projects bringing to life long-held visions* (SP, June 15), tries to spin the massive \$84 million pricetag of the new Art Gallery of Saskatchewan as insignificant because the direct cost to taxpayers is just \$21 million.

To some folks, that's still a lot of money to be spending on something that's unnecessary.

The new gallery is twice, or maybe even three times, more expensive than expanding and renovating the established and respected Mendel Art Gallery. I agree with other letter writers that it makes more sense to upgrade the Mendel and put the millions left over towards fixing the main library downtown.

[Read the full letter at the StarPhoenix website.](#)