

*The following Op-Ed by Joe Kuchta appeared recently in the StarPhoenix:*

The ground hasn't been broken yet and already the cost of the future Art Gallery of Saskatchewan is escalating. At its Aug. 18 meeting, city council approved spending \$510,000 on design fees for additional floor space and a second level of underground parking estimated to cost \$8 million. The \$8.51 million would increase the new gallery's price tag to \$66.51 million from \$58 million. The project is behind schedule. Construction on the underground parking was to begin next year, but has been pushed back to 2012...

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