

Letter to the Editor: By [Nick Henselmeier, The StarPhoenix December 9, 2009](#)

The announcement of a \$58-million replacement for the Mendel gallery at River Landing is irresponsible, as Saskatchewan has just announced a \$1.05-billion deficit, its second largest ever.

Furthermore, Saskatoon is hit especially hard, with predicted "near term" employment losses. Yet the city keeps dumping money into River Landing -- \$81 million so far, with another \$20 million as its share to replace the existing nice central Mendel facility -- when it hasn't even sold the \$5 million lot.

Now is the time for city council to buckle down and decrease spending, to get us through this recession. Instead it's doing the opposite, with job losses mounting.

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