



Minot City Council approves MADC's MAGIC Fund request for UAS company

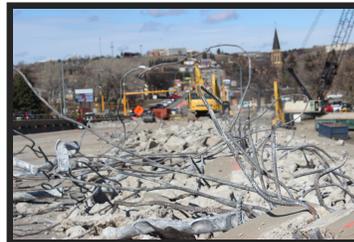
With a unanimous vote, Minot City Council approved Minot Area Development Corporation's MAGIC Fund request of \$375,100 to establish Minot as the headquarters for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) Bakken operations. The project with SkySkopes, a leading drone service provider, will generate at least \$2,307,856 in capital investments, create 15 new full-time high-paying jobs (at minimum), and will lead to additional opportunities for Minot to fill a niche in this growing industry.



The State of North Dakota has invested more than \$37 million into development, marketing, and attracting a UAS ecosystem. In May 2016, MADC partnered with the North Dakota Department of Commerce to attend AUVSI, the largest UAS Conference in the U.S. At the conference MADC met SkySkopes, which was recently recognized as one of the top 3 UAS companies to service the oil and gas industry nationwide. SkySkopes is the first UAS business under MADC's new MAGIC Sky Initiative; [click here](#) to read the full press release.

Broadway Bridge under construction

The 83 Broadway Viaduct, or Broadway Bridge, in the heart of Minot is now officially under construction; the beginning of a two-year effort to replace both halves of the 50+ year-old structure. Traffic was moved to the west side of the bridge in mid-March, as crews started demolition early in the spring. The nearly 1,000-foot-long bridge is a joint North Dakota Department of Transportation and City of Minot project, with construction costs of just over \$20 million. The new bridge will be in the same footprint as the older version, slightly higher to accommodate railroad requirements and will include an overlook section on part of the pedestrian walkway near the Mouse River.



Trinity recognized for supporting the National Guard

Trinity Health has received the "Above and Beyond Award" from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR), an office of the U.S. Defense Department. The award recognizes employers at the state and local level who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees. It is one of three ESGR's employer recognition awards given in limited numbers by state committees. Trinity Health was nominated for the award by Ashley King, an athletic trainer with Trinity Health and a sergeant in the State Medical Detachment of the North Dakota Army National Guard.



City of Minot Housing Assessment: Lower valuations lead to more selection in 2017

The selection of homes in the City of Minot near the median price has increased in the last year, according to a recent assessment from the City Assessor. In the latest Board of Equalization Annual Report, City Assessor, Kevin Ternes, shows an increase in homes under \$200,000 on the real estate market, the median is \$180,000. In March of 2017 there were 136 properties under that \$200,00 price tag within the city limits, up from 94 in 2016. This also impacts property owners, who have seen a decrease in value by approximately eight percent. To learn more, [click here](#).



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