



Transforming Dental Education in Minot: A Conversation with Dr. Hildahl on the CTE Project

In this month's FYI on NDR, we are delighted to bring you another update on the Center for Technical Education (CTE) project—a transformative endeavor shaping the future of education and workforce development here in town.

With winter upon us, the CTE construction team is making remarkable progress. Construction on the second floor has taken shape with installation of the acoustic ceiling tiles grid being 80% complete, light fixtures are 60% complete, and ceramic tilework in the public restrooms is finished; cabinetry work and the mounting of radiant heaters is forthcoming. Precision work needed for touch-ups and the installation of specialty items underscores the careful crafting of a state-of-the-art learning space.

Downstairs on the first floor, equipment rough-in is nearing completion in the simulation lab, with floor patching and pouring concluded. Painting is 90%, and delivery of transformative features, including dental chairs and cabinetry, is underway. The exterior metal letter signage, as well as the CTE's entrance areas, will provide an air of welcome to future students and the community in this upcoming hub of learning and innovation. Meanwhile, the basement's wall insulation and drywall are being installed, the building's HVAC unit has arrived onsite, and preparations for the Mechanical room entrance are being made. Furthermore, DCB

IT is in the process of installing data cable and the Main Distribution Panel (MDP) is set for a tentative shipping date of January 5th, 2024, which will mark another milestone in the CTE's journey.

In addition, we would like to share Dr. Mark Hildahl's unique perspective following his tour of the CTE project. Dr. Hildahl, of Souris Valley Dental Group, has served the community with 45 years in dentistry. His recent October tour of the CTE project brought a unique perspective to its transformative potential. In his eyes, the CTE project is more than bricks and mortar; it's a cornerstone for addressing the shortage of dental professionals in western North Dakota. His passion for nurturing local talent and providing hands-on learning experiences for future dental professionals resonates deeply with the project's vision.

His tour highlighted impressive developments within the project, including cutting-edge dental equipment and dedicated spaces for hands-on learning. Dr. Hildahl envisions a future where the collaboration between the CTE and local dentists creates invaluable "in-office" experiences for students, enriching their practical knowledge.

As we approach the grand opening in August 2024, Dr. Hildahl's vision aligns seamlessly with the ongoing construction progress. Dr. Hildahl shared, "Looking forward, the



Dr. Mark Hildahl
Souris Valley Dental Group

CTE is not just a construction project; it's a testament to Minot's commitment to fostering local talent, economic growth, and community development."

Excitement builds as we witness each milestone, from construction news to passionate endorsements from community figures like Dr. Hildahl. Stay tuned for more updates as we approach the grand opening in August 2024, marking the beginning of a new era in education and workforce development for Minot.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Acquisition Program

- Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 229 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 138 properties using State Water Commission Funds; 8 properties included in the 91 NDR properties were partially funded with State Water Commission funds. These properties are needed for on-going or upcoming flood mitigation projects.
- Demolition activities for the year have been completed, with three (3) properties demolished. Overall, the City has demolished 163 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

Affordable Housing

- All apartments have been rehabilitated at Milton Young Towers (MYT); Minot Housing Authority (MHA) continues to backfill vacant apartments. Renovations of first floor common areas are almost complete. There are funds remaining in the project that MHA will use to renovate public restrooms on the first floor, as well as install energy-efficient ceiling tiles on the 15th floor; MHA anticipates this work being completed by December 31.
- Construction of the Broadway Circle 17-unit affordable housing complex continues. Concrete work is underway; contractor will need to keep the ground thawed so plumbing and slab concrete work can be completed.

Family Homeless Shelter

- Construction is almost complete on the remodel of the multi-purpose commercial building; however, the kitchen has some material delays that are holding up completion. Construction of the Broadway Circle 6-unit Family Homeless Shelter continues; currently in progress are sheetrock, plumbing, and electrical work.

City Hall

- The Dispatch Center at the new City Hall location has been completed; the City received the retainage request from the contractor in the middle of November.

Center for Technical Education

- Progress continues on the construction of the CTE; substantial work has been completed on all three floors.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Reduce Flood Risk/ Improve Water Management

A. Buyouts / Acquisitions / Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total Budget - \$21,085,968
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,077,658

Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$27,466,685
- b. Spent to Date - \$24,925,776

B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$6,296,429
- b. Spent to Date - \$6,179,365

C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$3,512,797
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,807,875

Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$1,375,886

B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$8,222,593
- b. Spent to Date - \$7,515,279

Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,597,290

Completed Projects

- Park South Phases I & II
- Blu on Broadway
- Souris Heights
- Resilient Homebuyer Program
- Souris River Decision Support Tool
- Affordable Housing Neighborhood Master Plan
- Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study