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## THE PRICE OF SHUTTING DOWN

Dakota Access says pressing pause on its pipeline would cost North Dakota billions. Are they right?

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**Bismarck**

The operators of the Dakota Access Pipeline say that shuttering their pipeline, as a federal judge ordered them to do last month, would deal a devastating blow to the North Dakota economy.

In one especially catastrophic prediction, cited in Dakota Access' request for an emergency stay, the company argues that shutting

down DAPL "would inflict \$7.5 billion in losses on North Dakota companies, employees, and that state's budget alone through 2021." It's a huge number. But is it right?

Energy Transfer Partners, the parent company to Dakota Access, would not elaborate on the numbers included in their legal briefs. But insight from economists, energy market analysts, and North Dakota state officials suggests that the \$7.5 billion figure likely overshoots the actual

impact of a DAPL shutdown, which is on hold pending the decision of an appeals court.

And while business interests in North Dakota have argued that the court's decision could rock the oil industry in an already difficult year, Native American and environmental activists argue that the stalled production in the Bakken would minimize the economic losses of a DAPL shutdown. "The devastation arguments

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WDAY photo

The aftermath of a crash on Seventh Avenue North in Fargo on July 31.

## North Fargo crash that killed 2 believed intentional

**Forum staff reports**  
FARGO — A north Fargo crash that killed two men Friday, July 31, appears to have been intentionally caused by one of the drivers, according to a statement from city police.

Nathaniel Wilson, 30, of West Fargo was driving west on Seventh Avenue North at high speed when he crossed into the eastbound lane, colliding with an SUV driven by 49-year-old Thomas Edmunds, of Fargo.

Wilson was pronounced dead at the scene, and Edmunds was taken to Sanford Medical Center where he later died from his injuries, according to police.

Witness statements and other evidence suggest that Wilson intentionally crashed into

Edmunds' vehicle, police said. However, investigators found no evidence the men knew each other and said the crash was not the result of road rage.

Police said they will continue to investigate the crash.

A GoFundMe was started for Edmunds, who left behind a wife and five children. It can be found on this website: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tom-edmunds039s-family>.

Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Edmunds.

Visitation is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 7, in First Lutheran Church, 619 Broadway, Fargo.

A funeral service will follow the visitation at the church on Friday.

## Did mayor break law by disclosing chief candidate?

By C.S. Hagen  
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FARGO — Mayor Tim Mahoney may have violated state law when he disclosed the name of an internal applicant for Fargo police chief, but through a spokesman, the city leader says that's not the case.

North Dakota law says applications for public positions are confidential and shall not be disclosed until finalists for the position are named. Furthermore, state law says releasing confidential infor-



Mahoney

mation could lead to a Class C felony, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of \$10,000, according to the North Dakota Century Code.

The issue came to light after a Black Lives Matter organizer filed a public records request revealing that members of a city committee reviewing police

chief candidates had to sign confidentiality agreements to keep secret the applicants for the position until finalists were named. The agreements mirrored state statute.

The organizer, Jamaal Abegaz, said the documents he received show Mahoney signed a nondisclosure agreement on July 16, acknowledging that public disclosure of any name or other information related to the Police Chief

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Black Lives Matter organizer Jamaal Abegaz, pictured here on Feb. 25, is calling for Mayor Tim Mahoney to resign.

**INSIDE TODAY'S FORUM**

### Republican lawmakers, voters sue over Minnesota mask mandate



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**By Dana Ferguson**  
Forum News Service  
ST. PAUL — A group of Minnesota lawmakers and voters on Tuesday, Aug. 4, said it plans to bring a federal lawsuit against the Walz administration contending the governor's mandate of masks in public plac-

es violates state law and Minnesotans' constitutional rights.

A handful of Minnesota voters along with the Minnesota Voters Alliance brought the action after voters said they were confused about whether they'd violate existing state law by wearing

a facemask to vote in the Aug. 11 primary election or opting not to wear one.

They said conflicting statutes and an executive order from Gov. Tim Walz mandating masks in public places could prevent some voters from

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## BRIEFS

**ND Air Defense soldiers earn Hamilton Award**

CAMP GRAFTON, N.D. — The North Dakota National Guard's Fargo-based Battery C, 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment were formally presented the 2019 Hamilton Award on July 27 at the Camp Grafton Training Center near Devils Lake.

The U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery branch presents the Hamilton Award annually to the ADA battery that demonstrated "exceptional achievement and mission accomplishment through the course of the year," a news release stated.

Capt. Cody Brekken and 1st Sgt. David Saari accepted the award on Charlie Battery's behalf.

The battery's 2019 accomplishments included high retention, skills qualification and physical fitness test rates as well as a highly successful training evaluation at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., the release said.

Roughly 76 soldiers trained at the NTC in the unit's first force-on-force mission where they supported the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team from the Idaho National Guard.

"This award proves you are the best air defense artillery soldiers in the National Guard," Brig. Gen. Leo Ryan, Army commander for the North Dakota National Guard, said. "You have a long list of impressive achievements which earned your unit this recognition."

The Hamilton Award is named after Alexander Hamilton, who served as an artillery officer and aide-de-camp to Gen. George Washington during the

Revolutionary War.

**ND Outdoor Heritage Fund accepting applications**

BISMARCK — The North Dakota Industrial Commission is currently accepting applications through Sept. 1 for the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.

North Dakota's Outdoor Heritage Fund was established in 2013 by the Legislature as a multimillion-dollar program to provide grants to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions and nonprofit organizations for projects that will:

► Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat.

► Improve, maintain and restore water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity and animal systems, and support other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching.

► Develop and enhance the conservation and restoration of wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands.

► Conserve natural areas and create other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and recreation areas.

For an application and more information, visit: [www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm](http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm). Contact Andrea Pfennig (701-328-3786) or Karlene Fine (701-328-3722) with questions.

The North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Program is overseen by the North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Gov. Doug Burgum, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring.

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Selection Committee was illegal, and if disclosed he could face a Class C felony charge.

But on July 24, Mahoney told a Forum reporter that Deputy Chief Joe Anderson was one of the applicants for the chief position, which was recently vacated by former Chief David Todd, and that Deputy Chief Ross Renner would serve as interim chief.

Since 1973, state law has mandated that a "person is guilty of a class C felony if, in knowing violation of a statutory duty imposed on him as a public servant, he discloses any confidential information which he has acquired as a public servant," according to the North Dakota Century Code.

Gregg Schildberger, a city spokesman, said Anderson's name was disclosed to "ensure a continuity of operations."

"As the hiring managers, this team possessed information for the purposes necessary to select the interim chief," Schildberger wrote in an email to The Forum. "This information was independent of the confidential information provided to the full selection committee. To maintain impartiality for all candidates applying for the permanent position (both internal and external), Deputy Chief Ross Renner was rec-

ommended as the interim chief; Renner is not a candidate for the permanent chief."

Schildberger continued: "The information being used by the selection committee for the chief of police is for the sole purpose of selecting the permanent chief; the mayor did not utilize information gained from this process to select the interim chief. When considering the manner in which the information in the mayor's possession was used, it is important to distinguish his role as a hiring manager for the position of interim chief from his role as a member of the selection committee."

Cass County State's Attorney Birch Burdick said he has received no complaints from law enforcement agencies about this matter and, because his office does not have investigators, he is not pursuing any charges at this time.

Additionally, according to Burdick's recollection of how the law was passed by state lawmakers, the "original intent was to protect the applicants' names," those who are "afraid to expose themselves to a current employer," Burdick said.

"At this point there is nothing for me to do. I would have to wait and see if somebody sent something to us," Burdick said.

Portions of the upcoming hiring process will be open to the public and some portions will

be closed to the public, Schildberger said, adding that the nondisclosure agreement members on the hiring committee signed was the first time such a practice was used by the city.

Abegaz said Mahoney should resign.

"I think Mayor Mahoney appearing to wantonly violate a confidentiality agreement speaks to his illegitimacy as mayor. In light of his divulging confidential information, he should at least resign," Abegaz said.

OneFargo organizer Wess Philome said he raised the issue with City Attorney Erik Johnson and has reached out to Burdick with questions, but declined to comment further at this time.

Members of the Police Chief Selection Committee include: Mahoney; Deputy Mayor Dave Piepkorn; City Administrator Bruce Grubb; Michael Redlinger, assistant city manager; Jane Pettinger of the Civil Service Commission; Dave Leker of the Fargo Park District; Jessica White and Michael Sanden of the Fargo Police Department; Fargo Public Schools Superintendent Rupak Gandhi; Jason Boynton, Nidal Omar, Whitney Leedah and Tonya Greywind as community representatives; Matuor Alier of the Fargo Human Relations Commission; and Lenore King of the Native American Commission.

Readers can reach Forum reporter C.S. Hagen at 701-241-5535.

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"The other problem is that most of these formulas only contain a single compound extract," says Ms. Kim. "Hemp's full spectrum of cannabinoids are shown

to work synergistically. In short, they work better together. It's called the "entourage effect." Most miss out on the full effects because they are missing some of the best rejuvenating compounds within the hemp plant. This is why we've made **Canna LS** with "full spectrum" hemp."

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