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# TTC worker dies of injuries at transit yard

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A 50-year-old TTC worker has died of his injuries a week after he was pinned by two vehicles at an east-end transit yard.

Tom Dedes was pinned between a vehicle and a train at around 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 1 at the McCowan Yard and was taken to hospital in “very serious” condition.

Dedes had worked for the transit agency for 18 years most recently as a subway track maintenance employee, according to the Toronto Transit Commission.

The TTC says Dedes and his co-workers were off-loading equipment from a pickup truck onto a workcar at the yard when he became pinned between the two vehicles.

Mayor John Tory offered condolences to Dedes’ family on Monday, adding the city will take whatever steps are needed to make sure a tragedy like this doesn’t happen again.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour and the TTC are both investigating the incident.

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— Brad Ross (@bradTTC) [October 9, 2017](#)

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The Ontario Ministry of Labour was immediately notified and their investigation is ongoing. A parallel TTC investigation is also ongoing.

"On behalf of the entire TTC family, I send my deepest condolences to Tom's parents and his partner, Gina, at this very difficult time," said TTC CEO Andy Byford. "Our thoughts are also with Tom's co-workers as we all come to terms with this tragic and shocking event."

The TTC is co-operating, fully, with the Ministry of Labour to understand what happened and what needs to be done to ensure such a tragedy never happens again.

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<http://www.hrmonline.ca/hr-general-news/ttc-employee-dies-after-horror-work-accident-232162.aspx>

# TTC employee dies after horror work accident

by HRD 11 Oct 2017

Toronto's mayor is promising an investigation following the death of a Toronto Transit Commission worker after being pinned between two vehicles.

Tom Dedes, a 50-year-old subway track maintenance employee, died in hospital on Monday, a week after he was wounded when he became caught between a TTC pickup truck and the trail swing of a workcar.

TTC CEO Andy Byford told [CBC](#) that Dedes died after developing an infection following surgery after the incident, which he said "certainly was a freak accident".

Dedes and his co-workers were offloading equipment from the truck about 2am when the incident occurred.

Dedes had worked for TTC for 18 years.

"We're all in a state of absolute shock," Byford said. "To have him pass so suddenly when it appeared he was through the worst has broken our hearts."

In a statement, Toronto Mayor John Tory said: "The city will make sure we understand what happened and will take whatever steps we can to make sure a tragedy like this never happens again."

Both TTC and the [Ontario Ministry of Labour](#) were investigating.

<http://toronto.citynews.ca/2017/10/09/ttc-employee-dies-injured-job/>

# TTC employee dies after being injured on the job

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A TTC employee who was injured on the job has died in hospital, the TTC said in a statement on Monday.

50-year-old Tom Dedes was a subway track maintenance worker and an 18-year veteran of the TTC.

He was seriously injured when he was pinned against a pickup truck at the McCowan yard in the early hours of Oct. 1.

The incident occurred after Dedes and his co-workers off-loaded equipment from a TTC pickup truck onto a work car in preparation for maintenance work that was to be carried out on Line 3 later that night.

The Ministry of Labour is investigating.

TTC spokesman Brad Ross tweeted the full statement detailing the incident and CEO Andy Byford's sympathies.

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Mayor John Tory released a statement extending his condolences as well.

"Our thoughts this Thanksgiving Monday are with Tom's family, including his partner Gina, and his friends and colleagues at the TTC," he said. "The city will make sure we understand what happened and will take whatever steps we can to make sure a tragedy like this never happens again."