

Beloved PNE legend passes away at 85

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(Vancouver, B.C.) – It is with incredible sadness that the Pacific National Exhibition announces the passing of the *'King of the Midway,'* legendary pitchman and carny, Jack Hunter. Jack passed away peacefully today in Abbotsford Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness, surrounded by family and friends.

Jack was a beloved member of the extended PNE family for 73 years, most well known as the colourful owner of the Foot Long Hotdog booth, a popular concession at the annual Fair at the PNE. Jack got his start at the Fair in 1941, leading ponies in a pony ring when he was only 11 years old. Since then, he has done everything from working rides to selling his famous hotdogs.

It was just last year that Hunter passed over the reins of his Foot Long Hotdog booth to his son Jason.

He will be incredibly missed by family, friends, and his family at the PNE.

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Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 15-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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