



# Pre-Fair Site Security & Access

Changes to the 2019 Fair Security Protocols

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# Fair Site Protocol

2004 - 2018

- ▶ 1 week before Fair, perimeter fencing goes up with breaks along fence
- ▶ All access points into site open for anyone at anytime
- ▶ Site open until 12 am, night before Fair opens
- ▶ Site re-opened to public 7am morning after Fair closes



# Current State

- ▶ Thefts up significantly in 2018 & 2019
- ▶ 7 thefts in 3 days valued in 10s of thousands of dollars
- ▶ Significant overtime required during set up as things can only be put out last minute
- ▶ Safety implications for site guests – this is a work safe construction zone and all PNE staff, contractors & guests wear personal protective equipment



# 2019 Set-Up Changes

Aug 12-18: Week before Fair

- ▶ Security at key gates to monitor pedestrian & vehicles
- ▶ Gate 1,4, 15 closed with new wayfinding signage added
- ▶ Fence line entry points eliminated
- ▶ Community granted access but all persons more closely monitored while on site



# 2019 Results

- ▶ Increased security costs offset by fewer thefts post lock down
- ▶ Directional signage added for community walkers, bicyclists
- ▶ 5 complaints re: routing and being questioned on entry
- ▶ Will have more time to communicate plans with community & prepare wayfinding signage in 2020
- ▶ Not aimed at keeping community out but do need to keep site safe and secure
- ▶ Post Fair debrief with Community Advisory Group supportive
- ▶ Open to feedback that makes site safe, secure and accessible & will collaborate with community.



# Questions

