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The reason for this is that no freight is allowed on the escalators, and this is strictly enforced by security, so everyone has to use the elevators, and there’s always a lengthy queue, so the race to be first is always competitive!

In my experience the last day is not worth attending, if you arrive at 9 am most booths are empty, as a result of the festivities the night before. It starts to get busy around 10 am but generally speaking there aren't many CEO's around, just their IR people, or nobody at all.

Generally, everyone is looking at their watches and waiting for the booming announcement that the show is closed, there's not much serious talking going on, everyone is too exhausted. It clearly isn't worth staying, yet the PDAC have the cheek to charge CAD$25 admission fee, the same as for the full days!

I think they would be better letting everyone in free on the last day and maybe that would encourage back a few of the ma and pa type investors that are very absent since the PDAC started charging an entry fee.

I took the opportunity to take an early flight to Vancouver where I'm looking to enjoy a few days of peace before the long flight home next week. I had hoped leaving whilst the conference was still open would mean a quieter flight, but it is totally full as many people seem to have thought the same as me.