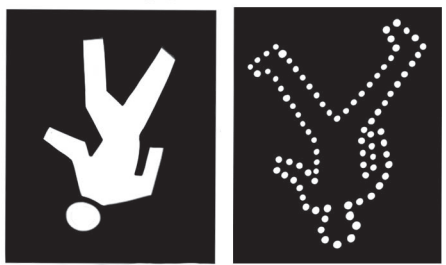


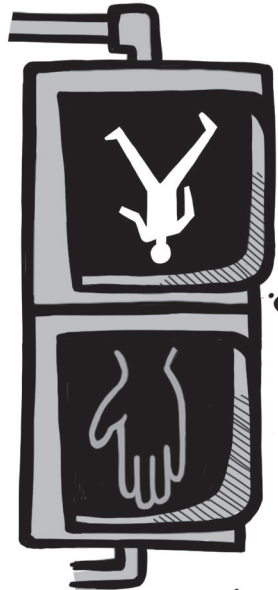
WHICH ONE IS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Does the CAUTIOUS Body Language say something about being a pedestrian?!

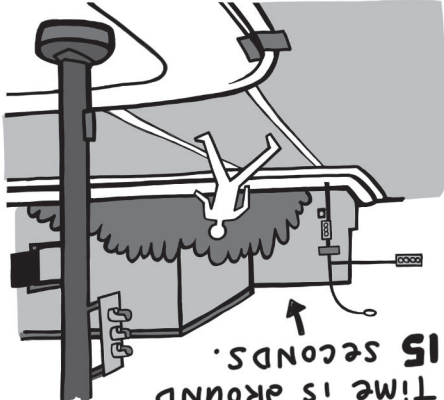
Step! Taking a CAUTIOUS Body Language say something about being a pedestrian?! 1965 & 2025?



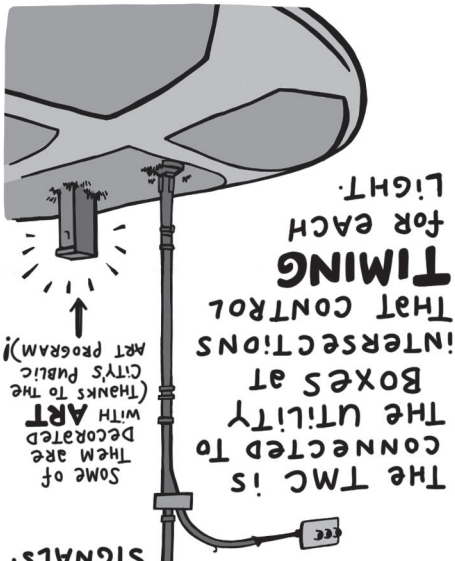
IN CALGARY TODAY, THERE ARE TWO SYMBOLS. AN LED VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL JAUNTY WALKER WITH THE LONG STRIDE... AND A CROUCHING WALKER TAKING A CAUTIOUS BODY LANGUAGE



early pedestrian signs said, "WALK/DON'T WALK". IN THE 1960S, CANADIAN CITIES STARTED USING SYMBOLS THAT ALL WALKERS COULD UNDERSTAND. THE USA FOLLOWED THIS EXAMPLE IN THE 1970S. IS 34 SECONDS.



MOST PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TIMES ARE CALCULATED BASED ON A WALKING SPEED OF 1.1 M/SECOND (3.96 KM/H). THE AVERAGE CROSSING TIME IS AROUND 15 SECONDS. THE LONGEST ONE (AT 162 AVE. & 24 ST. SW) IS 34 SECONDS.



TODAY, THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTRE ON SPILLER ROAD SE CONTROLS ALMOST ALL OF CALGARY'S 1,235 TRAFFIC SIGNALS. THE TMC IS CONNECTED TO THE UTILITY BOXES AT INTERSECTIONS THAT CONTROL TIMING FOR EACH LIGHT. THE TMC IS CONNECTED TO THE UTILITY BOXES AT INTERSECTIONS THAT CONTROL TIMING FOR EACH LIGHT. SOME OF THEM ARE DECORATED WITH ART (THANKS TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC ART PROGRAM)!

REFRESHINGLY SLOW — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — REFRESHINGLY SLOW — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — REFRESHINGLY SLOW — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — REFRESHINGLY SLOW — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — REFRESHINGLY SLOW — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL

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WALK SIGNALS



A CENTURY AGO, IN THE 1920S, INTERSECTIONS WERE CONTROLLED BY police officers USING MANUAL SIGNS.

CALGARY'S FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHTS (ALONG 7TH AVE SW, IN 1931) WERE A BIG DEAL!

SIGNAL SYSTEM LESSENS DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS

