Curious Calgary

#15 Broadcast Hill

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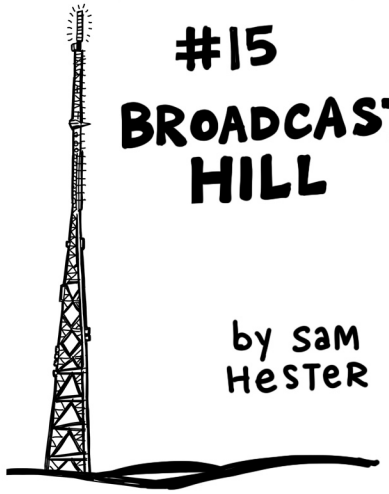

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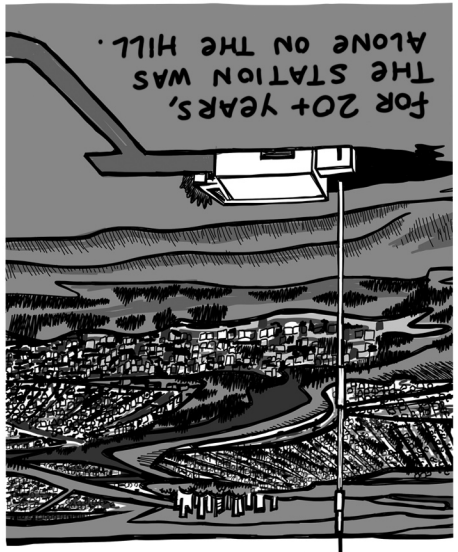
A century ago, **RADIO** was the hot new technology. In 1922, Calgary got a new station... **CFCN!**

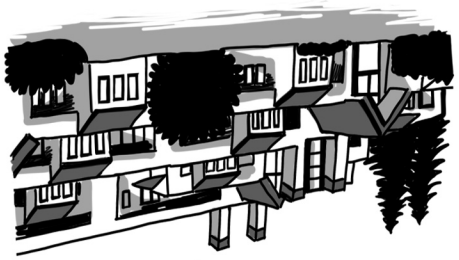
In the 1930s, Calgarians tuned into CFCN for the "Texaco News," a nightly newscast sponsored by the oil company.

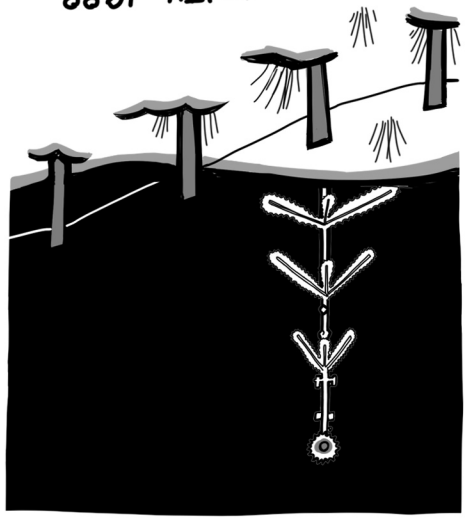


CFCN launched a local TV station in 1960 & moved onto the hill west of Calgary.

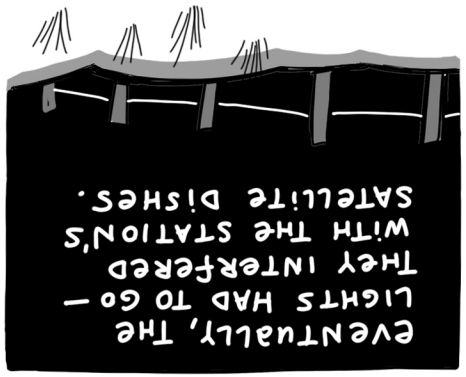
The Calgary Olympics built townhouses below CFCN as the "**Media Village**" for the 1988 Games.

Soon, the station was surrounded with housing! Today, the neighbourhood is Coach Hill Pattersون Heights.





Until 1988, CFCN's original broadcast hill antenna doubled as a giant (15 m) **Christmas Tree!**



Eventually, the lights had to go — they interfered with the station's satellite dishes.

But for 28 years, every December, the red lights of the CFCN Tree were visible across the entire city.

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