

Webinar

ULI British Columbia: Coffee and Conversations with Anita Leonoff of IBI Group

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00:00:05> 00:00:08:	OK, let's get started. Thank you all for joining us
00:00:08> 00:00:12:	in another edition of coffee and conversations hosted by the
00:00:12> 00:00:15:	Urban Land Institute and generously sponsored by Onnit.
00:00:15> 00:00:19:	My name is Randolph Lee with ULIBC's Young leaders group
00:00:19> 00:00:22:	and I'm joined by my team members all over tenant
00:00:22> 00:00:23:	and Chris Kunal.
00:00:23> 00:00:26:	As always, I would like to give a special shout
00:00:26> 00:00:29:	out to Shannon Patterson and you libbies Young leaders group
00:00:29> 00:00:31:	for their continued support and guidance.
00:00:31> 00:00:36:	Now for newcomers joining us coffee and conversations is UL
00:00:36> 00:00:37:	IBD monthly,
00:00:37> 00:00:40:	early morning networking event where students and professionals can drop
00:00:41> 00:00:43:	in to meet other like minded colleagues and hear new
00:00:43> 00:00:44:	thoughts,
00:00:44> 00:00:48:	ideas and industry issues surrounding real estate development.
00:00:48> 00:00:50:	We will continue to be putting out these monthly events
00:00:50> 00:00:52:	online until in person.
00:00:52> 00:00:56:	Events are fully permitted. Some upcoming dates to keep in
00:00:57> 00:00:57:	mind.
00:00:57> 00:01:02:	The deadline to submit nominations for WL IBX Leadership recognition
00:01:02> 00:01:06:	program and applications for you Libbies Atkins Scholars program are
00:01:06> 00:01:09:	both coming up at the end of the month.
00:01:09> 00:01:13:	You will also host two very interesting virtual events in
00:01:13> 00:01:13:	October.
00:01:13> 00:01:16:	One is named professional development.

00:01:16> 00:01:20:	How to be a nonprofit board or committee member which
00:01:20> 00:01:24:	is taking place on October 21st and Wli presents personal
00:01:24> 00:01:28:	leadership to bounce back from and avoid burnout were just
00:01:28> 00:01:30:	taking place on October 28th.
00:01:30> 00:01:34:	The links to all these events should be posted in
00:01:34> 00:01:35:	the chat shortly.
00:01:35> 00:01:39:	Now some housekeeping items, please keep your microphones muted.
00:01:39> 00:01:41:	Use of your web camera is optional,
00:01:41> 00:01:44:	but we encourage you to turn it on.
00:01:44> 00:01:46:	There will be a Q&A session towards the end of
00:01:46> 00:01:47:	the talk,
00:01:47> 00:01:50:	so please feel free to send a message to Oliver
00:01:50> 00:01:53:	tenant or me with any questions that you may have
00:01:53> 00:01:54:	for our speaker today.
00:01:54> 00:01:56:	We will select them in the order that they are
00:01:56> 00:01:57:	received,
00:01:57> 00:02:00:	and I mute you so you can ask her directly
00:02:01> 00:02:02:	around 8:40.
00:02:02> 00:02:05:	For our speaker today, we are very fortunate to have
00:02:05> 00:02:07:	a needle leonoff join us.
00:02:07> 00:02:10:	I need a is the director and office lead of
00:02:10> 00:02:14:	the Vancouver office at Ibi Group One of the largest
00:02:14> 00:02:17:	global architectural firms in the world.
00:02:17> 00:02:23:	Anita's areas of specialty include institutional and hospitality facilities design.
00:02:23> 00:02:28:	Retail and office tenant Fitup heritage renovations and the management
00:02:28> 00:02:32:	of approvals and the public consultation process.
00:02:32> 00:02:35:	In her time with IBIC has overseen overseeing and LED
00:02:35> 00:02:37:	some of the most high profile,
00:02:37> 00:02:42:	public and private projects across Metro Vancouver.
00:02:42> 00:02:46:	Interviewing Anita today will be my colleague Chris Cuno.
00:02:46> 00:02:50:	Chris is currently a senior consultant with the Urban Planning
00:02:50> 00:02:52:	and Place making team at Colliers,
00:02:52> 00:02:54:	and with that, Anita and Chris,
00:02:54> 00:02:55:	the floor is yours.
00:02:57> 00:03:00:	Thanks, Randall Anita. We've we've been chatting a bit in
00:03:00> 00:03:01:	the past now,
00:03:01> 00:03:04:	but if you want, just give the Group A brief
00:03:04> 00:03:06:	introduction so where you're from,
00:03:06> 00:03:10:	how you got into this industry and what lbi is.

00:03:13> 00:03:16:	Sure, I'm happy to, although around I think explained a
00:03:16> 00:03:19:	little bit more of what what I do.
00:03:19> 00:03:22:	So I'm born and raised in Vancouver.
00:03:22> 00:03:24:	So I'm true Vancouver, right?
00:03:24> 00:03:27:	I'm I'm an architect and director of senior.
00:03:27> 00:03:30:	What we call senior practice lead at the Ibi Vancouver
00:03:30> 00:03:31:	office.
00:03:31> 00:03:33:	I've always worked out of this office.
00:03:33> 00:03:37:	I joined right out of school.
00:03:37> 00:03:41:	That's a. In 1983, so they have 83 so very
00:03:41> 00:03:45:	long time ago and I'm currently the office lead as
00:03:45> 00:03:48:	well in in the Vancouver office,
00:03:48> 00:03:51:	the Vancouver Office of IBI.
00:03:51> 00:03:55:	When I joined, I think there were five staff.
00:03:55> 00:03:58:	I was number 6 and we are currently at about
00:03:59> 00:04:00:	250 in the vet,
00:04:00> 00:04:04:	downtown Vancouver Office. We offer also have offices in
	Burnaby,
00:04:04> 00:04:07:	in Kelowna, led by others.
00:04:07> 00:04:09:	So that's just a little bit of.
00:04:09> 00:04:11:	About me and yeah, a lot of most of my
00:04:12> 00:04:15:	work has been in the commercial and institutional sectors.
00:04:17> 00:04:21:	So I know you're mentioning that your employee #6 I
00:04:21> 00:04:23:	was talking with my boss recently,
00:04:23> 00:04:26:	just saying that we're going to be doing this in
00:04:26> 00:04:27:	with you,
00:04:27> 00:04:28:	and he mentioned he was,
00:04:28> 00:04:31:	I think, employee number 9.
00:04:31> 00:04:32:	So he was also there quite early on,
00:04:32> 00:04:36:	yes, but I was wondering about your your progression of
00:04:36> 00:04:37:	your career at Ibi,
00:04:37> 00:04:39:	so a bit about what it was like.
00:04:39> 00:04:43:	Beginning how you landed this job as your first job
00:04:43> 00:04:45:	out of school,
00:04:45> 00:04:48:	and then your experiences as a female leader.
00:04:48> 00:04:49:	Overtime, how that's changed,
00:04:50> 00:04:52:	right? OK, so so I don't think I have the
00:04:52> 00:04:56:	most exciting story because I've worked for Ibi my entire
00:04:56> 00:04:57:	career.
00:04:57> 00:05:00:	So for a very long time and how do I
00:05:00> 00:05:01:	land?
00:05:01> 00:05:03:	ABBA, I basically had graduated in my,
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00:05:03> 00:05:07:	UM, my older brother had gone to a party on
00:05:07> 00:05:10:	a Saturday night phone me on Sundays that I met
00:05:10> 00:05:11:	somebody from Ivy.
00:05:11> 00:05:14:	I I told him my sister just graduated and it's
00:05:14> 00:05:17:	going to be an architect and I needed to go
00:05:17> 00:05:19:	and apply on Monday morning,
00:05:19> 00:05:22:	which I did so. So I always say I had
00:05:22> 00:05:26:	the worst interview in the entire world because of the
00:05:27> 00:05:29:	back of My Portfolio I had.
00:05:29> 00:05:33:	I done menus and for a local restaurant and some
00:05:33> 00:05:37:	and some graphics for them and one of the the
00:05:37> 00:05:42:	the gentleman interviewing me had recently had had a meal
00:05:42> 00:05:45:	there and it was a terrible meal and so he
00:05:45> 00:05:48:	elaborated on how cold the soup came,
00:05:48> 00:05:52:	etc. So I thought it was absolutely worst interview possible.
00:05:52> 00:05:55:	But and that bend, they said so when can you
00:05:55> 00:05:59:	start so that that basically it started.
00:05:59> 00:06:02:	And of course I was obviously extremely junior with really
00:06:02> 00:06:03:	limited experience.
00:06:03> 00:06:07:	And you know, I started and and only and none
00:06:07> 00:06:09:	of you will know this.
00:06:09> 00:06:11:	But we used to have ammonia Prince basically.
00:06:11> 00:06:14:	So I would run blueprints in the office.
00:06:14> 00:06:17:	So that's how junior I started off.
00:06:17> 00:06:21:	And then, uh, and then overtime obviously grew in my
00:06:21> 00:06:22:	role.
00:06:22> 00:06:25:	One of the things about starting with a firm that
00:06:25> 00:06:28:	was that small in Vancouver is that I got thrown
00:06:28> 00:06:30:	into lots of different kinds of projects,
00:06:30> 00:06:32:	so the diversity of projects,
00:06:32> 00:06:38:	the opportunity to actually work with really senior leadership
	at
00:06:38> 00:06:41:	the time was was terrific and and that was a
00:06:41> 00:06:43:	great experience.
00:06:43> 00:06:45:	It took me five years to become an associate to
00:06:45> 00:06:46:	come even longer,
00:06:46> 00:06:49:	to become an associate. Director and director.
00:06:49> 00:06:50:	So it was a long.
00:06:50> 00:06:53:	It was a long haul I think.
00:06:53> 00:06:58:	Perseverance maybe to actually get to to where I felt
00:06:58> 00:07:02:	I wanted wanted to be so dumb in terms of
00:07:02> 00:07:04:	being a female leadership.

00:07:05> 00:07:07:	Well I mean I can't speak as I've always been
00:07:08> 00:07:11:	a female this work environment when I started I thought
00:07:11> 00:07:12:	I be I was really,
00:07:12> 00:07:16:	you know a very male dominated.
00:07:16> 00:07:20:	Club right? So absolutely, you know it.
00:07:20> 00:07:24:	It wasn't. I have seen significant changes overtime,
00:07:24> 00:07:26:	you know, not there yet.
00:07:26> 00:07:27:	Where I think we need to be,
00:07:27> 00:07:30:	but I think the diversity of the company we always
00:07:30> 00:07:33:	had a lot of diversity within our staff.
00:07:33> 00:07:35:	I think it's in the leadership levels that it's taking
00:07:36> 00:07:38:	a long time to come about and to get where
00:07:38> 00:07:39:	it needs to be.
00:07:39> 00:07:41:	So and I don't think we're there yet.
00:07:41> 00:07:45:	I think we have work to do still so.
00:07:45> 00:07:47:	So that's just a little bit.
00:07:47> 00:07:51:	I mean, I've I've l've certainly again it's going from
00:07:51> 00:07:54:	a company that went from 6 staff to 250,
00:07:54> 00:07:57:	sees a lot of changes.
00:07:57> 00:08:00:	You know a lot of adoptions that I've had have
00:08:00> 00:08:01:	had to happen so.
00:08:04> 00:08:06:	That's a little bit about my background.
00:08:08> 00:08:11:	So when you first joined Ibi or or quite early
00:08:11> 00:08:14:	on in your path in leadership at Ivy,
00:08:14> 00:08:18:	I started working for Whole Frontier in Vancouver and also
00:08:18> 00:08:22:	hotel banker from understanding this summer.
00:08:22> 00:08:24:	We just talk about that and how that came to
00:08:24> 00:08:26:	be and what you could do for them.
00:08:26> 00:08:27:	I mean what is so?
00:08:27> 00:08:30:	As I said, one of the things that's been really
00:08:30> 00:08:33:	great about working for IBI is the opportunity to work
00:08:34> 00:08:36:	with such a diverse group of client base and and
00:08:36> 00:08:41:	I probably worked for whole Renfrew for some 20 plus
00:08:41> 00:08:45:	years now and you know started by doing some minor
00:08:45> 00:08:46:	renovations.
00:08:46> 00:08:49:	It was really the relationships back east that they had
00:08:49> 00:08:52:	with the group with their Toronto office that came out
00:08:52> 00:08:53:	to Vancouver.
00:08:53> 00:08:56:	Did really tiny minor renovations for them in there.
00:08:56> 00:09:00:	You know, and they're receiving docs whatever,
00:09:00> 00:09:02:	and their original store eventually.
00:09:02> 00:09:05:	You know at the as of a more recent years

00:09:05> 00:09:08:	I I'm actually the architect of record for them,
00:09:08> 00:09:11:	for for the for their big expansion.
00:09:11> 00:09:14:	They did it to their mains to their main store.
00:09:14> 00:09:16:	So great client to work for.
00:09:16> 00:09:18:	Really interesting, obviously very high end.
00:09:18> 00:09:23:	That's being a long relationship with them.
00:09:23> 00:09:24:	And then on the Hotel Vancouver.
00:09:24> 00:09:28:	It's a long relationship with the building because they've been
00:09:28> 00:09:31:	probably through half a dozen different owners and that is.
00:09:31> 00:09:33:	I mean, it's one of the iconic buildings,
00:09:33> 00:09:38:	obviously Vancouver. It is being.
00:09:38> 00:09:41:	Really interesting to work on the building.
00:09:41> 00:09:43:	We haven't done all the projects there.
00:09:43> 00:09:46:	They're having other firms that would be involved at different
00:09:46> 00:09:46:	times,
00:09:46> 00:09:49:	but I mean how often do you get to work
00:09:49> 00:09:53:	on a project like that over some 30 plus years.
00:09:53> 00:09:57:	So everything from doing no sprinklers to to creating admin
00:09:57> 00:10:00:	offices and within that hour of the hotel.
00:10:00> 00:10:03:	So that has been really it's been great to have
00:10:03> 00:10:06:	those kind of clients or those kind of buildings that
00:10:06> 00:10:08:	you work on for extended period.
00:10:08> 00:10:11:	But I'm so, so yeah,
00:10:11> 00:10:13:	I've been very fortunate to be involved in those kinds
00:10:13> 00:10:14:	of projects.
00:10:14> 00:10:16:	I believe Vancouver is really known for our high rise
00:10:16> 00:10:19:	buildings and interesting now that's not the sector I've been
00:10:19> 00:10:20:	involved,
00:10:20> 00:10:23:	and I think it's it's actually important for people to
00:10:23> 00:10:26:	know that there's like a diversity of projects and kinds
00:10:26> 00:10:28:	of work that we do too in Vancouver.
00:10:30> 00:10:35:	So having managed or having developed this relationship over the
00:10:35> 00:10:37:	past over 30 plus years now,
00:10:37> 00:10:40:	do you have any advice on how to build,
00:10:40> 00:10:44:	develop and then maintain these long term relationships and the
00:10:44> 00:10:45:	professional?
00:10:46> 00:10:51:	Well, I think all clients are looking for UM for
00:10:51> 00:10:54:	service and they want competency up.
00:10:54> 00:10:59:	I think their their expectations are that they are always
00:10:59> 00:11:01:	first and that you have to.

00:11:01> 00:11:05: 00:11:05> 00:11:06:	That they rely on you for information that they rely
	on you to do a good job.
00:11:06> 00:11:10:	I mean really, our work in Vancouver's always been about
00:11:10> 00:11:13:	repeat clients that that's extremely important to us is that
00:11:13> 00:11:16:	once they've worked with us that they want to come
00:11:16> 00:11:18:	back to us and that we can provide them with
00:11:18> 00:11:20:	the services that they need.
00:11:20> 00:11:24:	So those relationships are relationships with the city,
00:11:24> 00:11:27:	our relationships with our clients with our consultant teams.
00:11:27> 00:11:29:	All of that is incredibly important.
00:11:29> 00:11:33:	Obviously with the contractors. That they can rely on us
00:11:33> 00:11:34:	to do it.
00:11:34> 00:11:37:	Give them good competent expertise.
00:11:37> 00:11:41:	Uhm, you know on schedule on budget all the things
00:11:41> 00:11:42:	you hear but but yes,
00:11:42> 00:11:45:	repeat clients are incredibly crucial to us.
00:11:49> 00:11:53:	Do you have any kind of advice on the initial
00:11:53> 00:11:54:	steps to you know?
00:11:54> 00:11:57:	I think, at least in the work that I do
00:11:57> 00:11:57:	at at Colliers,
00:11:57> 00:12:00:	a lot of our clients we wanted to start off
00:12:00> 00:12:01:	with one project for them,
00:12:01> 00:12:02:	and then we could see it.
00:12:02> 00:12:05:	You know, evolving into different types of other projects and
00:12:05> 00:12:07:	I'm speaking this person like.
00:12:07> 00:12:10:	Do you have any advice on how to start building
00:12:10> 00:12:11:	that early on?
00:12:11> 00:12:13:	Is it more of a discussion about this boat letting
00:12:13> 00:12:16:	them know that this is kind of a thing that
00:12:16> 00:12:17:	could happen early on?
00:12:17> 00:12:18:	Or is it just, you know,
00:12:18> 00:12:20:	do good work? Rick, from the onset and see what
00:12:20> 00:12:21:	happens from there.
00:12:21> 00:12:23:	Well, I think it's a combination of things,
00:12:23> 00:12:27:	right? It's it's the relationships he developed with the
	individuals.
00:12:27> 00:12:30:	I think it is. It's the relationship you have with
00:12:30> 00:12:34:	your consultants to ensure that they are actually responsive
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00:12:34> 00:12:34:	well.
00:12:34> 00:12:37:	You know in not this is not consistent in the
00:12:37> 00:12:38:	industry,
00:12:38> 00:12:42:	but for most of my projects that consult with actually

00:12:42> 00:12:46:	work under us under me and therefore that relationship with
00:12:46> 00:12:47:	them.
00:12:47> 00:12:50:	They are responsive. Responsiveness isn't.
00:12:50> 00:12:54:	Really important, UM? So I think it's about personal relationships.
00:12:54> 00:12:58:	Treating people respectfully, listening. You know,
00:12:58> 00:13:01:	it's all the things that you would expect.
00:13:01> 00:13:03:	You know our most of our clients.
00:13:03> 00:13:06:	They they don't want. They don't want to go so
00:13:06> 00:13:10:	actually parking your ego at the door and actually listen
00:13:10> 00:13:12:	to what they want giving them.
00:13:12> 00:13:15:	But the examples to speak up when when they're going
00:13:15> 00:13:16:	in the wrong track.
00:13:16> 00:13:20:	So it is about developing those personal relationships as you
00:13:20> 00:13:21:	as you go along.
00:13:21> 00:13:24:	So yes, from day one it's it's about the service
00:13:24> 00:13:26:	that you provide to your client base.
00:13:30> 00:13:31:	Just shifting us a bit now.
00:13:31> 00:13:36:	Uhm, we were discussing before how you were discussing for
00:13:36> 00:13:40:	how much lbi is grown in the past couple years.
00:13:40> 00:13:44:	Buying new florist. Your office really expanding the number of
00:13:44> 00:13:46:	people in the capacity in Vancouver.
00:13:46> 00:13:50:	What is our office? Did networks and work life going
00:13:50> 00:13:51:	to be changing,
00:13:51> 00:13:51:	moving
00:13:51> 00:13:54:	forward? Well so so? I mean,
00:13:54> 00:13:58:	the workplace dynamics are changing pre COVID and of course
00:13:58> 00:13:59:	with kovid have completely changed.
00:13:59> 00:14:03:	So we basically within a couple weeks as most companies
00:14:03> 00:14:03:	did,
00:14:03> 00:14:08:	we decanted everybody to their own Home Office.
00:14:08> 00:14:10:	So that was quite the undertaking,
00:14:10> 00:14:12:	especially given the kind of programs.
00:14:12> 00:14:16:	Use another kind of, UM computers we were using so
00:14:16> 00:14:20:	very quickly to counted everybody and and I don't see
00:14:20> 00:14:22:	things going back.
00:14:22> 00:14:23:	We did. We talked a little bit about this Chris,
00:14:23> 00:14:25:	I don't see things going back.
00:14:25> 00:14:29:	I think that so we had our 250 staff.
00:14:29> 00:14:31:	If we were to go back to our offices today,
00:14:31> 00:14:34:	we actually don't have enough seats for them.

00:14:34> 00:14:39:	I think we're committed to working tablet hybrid work model.
00:14:39> 00:14:41:	We don't know what that will look like at this
00:14:42> 00:14:42:	point.
00:14:42> 00:14:45:	But that we will not be all marching back to
00:14:45> 00:14:48:	the office and it will not be the business as
00:14:48> 00:14:50:	it was pre pandemic.
00:14:50> 00:14:56:	So you know now we are offering in 250 little
00:14:56> 00:14:57:	offices.
00:14:57> 00:14:59:	Right, and so the connection in terms for us and
00:15:00> 00:15:00:	Ι,
00:15:00> 00:15:02:	I can say this I I've really noticed it.
00:15:02> 00:15:04:	And it's partly because everybody was home.
00:15:04> 00:15:10:	Nobody was actually traveling, but my ability to get ahold
00:15:10> 00:15:10:	of.
00:15:10> 00:15:12:	Of senior management. I mean,
00:15:12> 00:15:15:	it's it's amazing everybody picks up their teams,
00:15:15> 00:15:21:	call that they're the actual collaboration and connection in for
00:15:21> 00:15:22:	me has been.
00:15:22> 00:15:25:	Has expanded its being better than ever.
00:15:25> 00:15:28:	Nobody's on a plane nobody is traveling for business so
00:15:28> 00:15:31:	they're very accessible so that piece has been really great.
00:15:31> 00:15:34:	The majority of our staff had really liked working from
00:15:34> 00:15:34:	home.
00:15:34> 00:15:38:	Those who who struggled with working from home for
	whatever
00:15:38> 00:15:39:	reasons.
00:15:39> 00:15:42:	Young children or just not having the space to do
00:15:42> 00:15:42:	it,
00:15:42> 00:15:44:	we made accommodation for them in the office,
00:15:44> 00:15:47:	but that really is only been about 10%
00:15:47> 00:15:50:	at maximum of staff that I've really wanted to to
00:15:50> 00:15:52:	be in the office the entire time.
00:15:52> 00:15:54:	And I think going forward we are going to be
00:15:54> 00:15:55:	looking at hybrid.
00:15:55> 00:15:58:	What that looks like, how that will truly work.
00:15:58> 00:16:01:	Not 100% sure, I don't think any business it is,
00:16:01> 00:16:03:	but I think we're fully committed to trying to make
00:16:03> 00:16:04:	this work now.
00:16:04> 00:16:07:	Having said that, there are project managers that do struggle
00:16:07> 00:16:07:	with us like this.
00:16:07> 00:16:10:	Not everybody saying this is fantastic.
00:16:10> 00:16:13:	Some of them do struggle with it because they can't

00:16:13> 00:16:15:	necessarily see what their team is doing,
00:16:15> 00:16:19:	so it does require us to communicate a lot more
00:16:19> 00:16:20:	with our with our teams so.
00:16:23> 00:16:23:	W
00:16:23> 00:16:27:	advice for how to create or kind of foster or
00:16:27> 00:16:32:	maintain a an office culture or Co culture amongst staff,
00:16:32> 00:16:36:	especially when people are not necessarily seeing each other.
00:16:36> 00:16:39:	Do you have any kind of idea how you can?
00:16:39> 00:16:40:	In it,
00:16:40> 00:16:43:	right? So we're trying different ways of doing that to
00:16:43> 00:16:46:	reach out to staff because there is nothing worse than
00:16:46> 00:16:49:	having a call where where nobody is being responsive.
00:16:49> 00:16:53:	Nobody has their cameras on or nobody is communicating,
00:16:53> 00:16:56:	so we've been trying different different ways of doing it.
00:16:56> 00:16:59:	We're going to have a a virtual return to Office
00:16:59> 00:17:02:	Day coming up that we you know we we're developing
00:17:02> 00:17:03:	our own apps.
00:17:03> 00:17:07:	Of course, everything from how you check into the office
00:17:07> 00:17:11:	and we were developing programs internally where we can.
00:17:11> 00:17:14:	Have people actually look like they're physically in the office
00:17:14> 00:17:17:	effectively that you know somebody there that you can bump
00:17:17> 00:17:18:	into them.
00:17:18> 00:17:20:	I think that's the one thing we do.
00:17:20> 00:17:24:	Miss is that collaborate? That ad hoc collaboration,
00:17:24> 00:17:26:	right? They they bumping into somebody?
00:17:26> 00:17:30:	I mean, I miss talking to colleagues just as I
00:17:30> 00:17:32:	run into them and ask them a question.
00:17:32> 00:17:34:	So I think we are trying to create that in
00:17:35> 00:17:36:	a virtual environment.
00:17:36> 00:17:38:	And so once we've had our test run and then
00:17:38> 00:17:40:	I'll tell you how that goes,
00:17:40> 00:17:43:	but. But yeah, it's a.
00:17:43> 00:17:44:	
00.17.43 = 00.17.44	It's a challenge. I mean,
00:17:44> 00:17:48:	It's a challenge. I mean, we've done everything from virtual cocktail parties.
00:17:44> 00:17:48:	we've done everything from virtual cocktail parties.
00:17:44> 00:17:48: 00:17:48> 00:17:51:	we've done everything from virtual cocktail parties. We had barkeeps that presented to us.
00:17:44> 00:17:48: 00:17:48> 00:17:51: 00:17:51> 00:17:53:	we've done everything from virtual cocktail parties. We had barkeeps that presented to us. We we we've tried that.
00:17:44> 00:17:48: 00:17:48> 00:17:51: 00:17:51> 00:17:53: 00:17:53> 00:17:57:	we've done everything from virtual cocktail parties. We had barkeeps that presented to us. We we we've tried that. We've had different games and events that for people to
00:17:44> 00:17:48: 00:17:48> 00:17:51: 00:17:51> 00:17:53: 00:17:53> 00:17:57: 00:17:57> 00:17:58:	we've done everything from virtual cocktail parties. We had barkeeps that presented to us. We we we've tried that. We've had different games and events that for people to participate in,

00:18:09> 00:18:12:	and I think we're going to have to keep continuing
00:18:12> 00:18:15:	to try different tools to how we could make that
00:18:15> 00:18:15:	work.
00:18:18> 00:18:20:	Uhm, questionable. I be I know.
00:18:20> 00:18:24:	So I being that covers office being being large,
00:18:24> 00:18:28:	Toronto's office also being quite large at believe that's where
00:18:28> 00:18:29:	l got was founded Toronto.
00:18:29> 00:18:33:	But with a massive global presence now,
00:18:33> 00:18:35:	how much collaboration is there between IB offices and and
00:18:36> 00:18:36:	how does that work?
00:18:36> 00:18:39:	Well, actually a lot and there's always been a quite
00:18:39> 00:18:39:	a bit,
00:18:39> 00:18:43:	so the the Vancouver office worked really closely with what
00:18:44> 00:18:45:	we call the can West region.
00:18:45> 00:18:49:	So that's our. So we have an office in Kelowna,
00:18:49> 00:18:54:	Burnaby. The Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray.
00:18:54> 00:19:00:	So we have regular meetings and we actually share workloads.
00:19:00> 00:19:04:	For example, our Colonial office is led by somebody who
00:19:04> 00:19:07:	came out of Vancouver who wanted to move back to
00:19:07> 00:19:08:	Penticton.
00:19:08> 00:19:10:	We also do work all the way down the coast,
00:19:10> 00:19:14:	and we actually export a lot of the Vancouver ISM
00:19:14> 00:19:16:	to other areas as well.
00:19:16> 00:19:20:	So so actually we have a lot quite a strong
00:19:20> 00:19:21:	connection,
00:19:21> 00:19:24:	certainly across the West, but I I would say across
00:19:24> 00:19:25:	Canada too.
00:19:25> 00:19:27:	I mean, I mentioned Holt Renfrew little started off.
00:19:27> 00:19:30:	It was declined in our Toronto office that moved out.
00:19:30> 00:19:33:	Towards A to the West Coast.
00:19:33> 00:19:37:	So yes we do. And and for example on schools
00:19:37> 00:19:41:	are global lead is a is in Houston who it's
00:19:41> 00:19:45:	a really a school practice in Houston and we bring
00:19:45> 00:19:49:	bring them in for certain expertise and you know on
00:19:49> 00:19:49:	that.
00:19:49> 00:19:52:	So I mean I participated in a lot of different
00:19:52> 00:19:54:	calls with these different groups.
00:19:54> 00:19:57:	It does help that most of these people at some
00:19:57> 00:20:00:	point I did meet in person that it's really helpful
00:20:00> 00:20:01:	of course.
00:20:01> 00:20:04:	And establishing those relationships so.

00:20:04> 00:20:08:	We feel really comfortable, kind of in those kind of
00:20:08> 00:20:11:	relationships we've worked on in a long time.
00:20:11> 00:20:15:	So yeah, I think we feel really comfortable with that
00:20:15> 00:20:16:	piece of it.
00:20:16> 00:20:17:	And then when we have,
00:20:17> 00:20:20:	we will bring in experts in certain areas but but
00:20:20> 00:20:23:	we know Vancouver and we want to make sure that
00:20:23> 00:20:24:	this,
00:20:24> 00:20:28:	whatever the solutions are, are are specific to Vancouver so.
00:20:32> 00:20:35:	Uhm, obviously you know I've had very long time and
00:20:35> 00:20:37:	you're quite proud to work at IBI.
00:20:37> 00:20:40:	So if you want to give a quick plug for
00:20:40> 00:20:42:	Ibi in terms of projects,
00:20:42> 00:20:44:	I guys are great place to work,
00:20:44> 00:20:49:	interesting things into bits about it to give to people.
00:20:49> 00:20:51:	Please feel. Please feel free to visit now is a
00:20:51> 00:20:52:	great time for it.
00:20:53> 00:20:56:	Sure, although May may. I also touched on others,
00:20:56> 00:20:58:	had a little bit of a topic too because when
00:20:58> 00:21:01:	you had asked about female leadership I mean uhm,
00:21:01> 00:21:03:	l always feel remiss if I don't.
00:21:03> 00:21:07:	Don't speak to this piece of it because.
00:21:07> 00:21:10:	I have two kids. So that meant I had two
00:21:10> 00:21:15:	maternity leaves and dumb and I wanna just talk a
00:21:15> 00:21:16:	little bit.
00:21:16> 00:21:19:	Maybe I could just talk a little bit about that
00:21:19> 00:21:22:	as is where where I've seen the culture shift nods
00:21:22> 00:21:23:	at my bosses ever.
00:21:23> 00:21:26:	Uhm, what I've said you can't go home and take
00:21:26> 00:21:29:	care of your kids or deal with family issues that
00:21:29> 00:21:32:	was never initiated Ibi but I did feel at different
00:21:32> 00:21:35:	points of time that there was a penalty to to
00:21:35> 00:21:36:	take him.
00:21:36> 00:21:39:	Maturity leads in terms of my career.
00:21:39> 00:21:43:	So, uh, do I regret that no,
00:21:43> 00:21:47:	absolutely God? But I've really seen a big shift in
00:21:47> 00:21:49:	how we approach that,
00:21:49> 00:21:52:	and I think the fact that in for your generation
00:21:52> 00:21:54:	that there's maternity and paternity leaves,
00:21:54> 00:21:56:	I think it is a great equalizer.
00:21:56> 00:21:59:	I think that companies and the kuczma and have really
00:21:59> 00:22:00:	changed in their actions.

00:22:00> 00:22:02:	They didn't know what to do with me as an
00:22:02> 00:22:05:	associate and I I think I may have been the
00:22:05> 00:22:07:	first one who became pregnant and how they dealt with
00:22:07> 00:22:11:	that. And so. So I think there's huge changes that
00:22:11> 00:22:13:	have happened in the industry,
00:22:13> 00:22:16:	in our business, and so I'd be remiss not to
00:22:16> 00:22:17:	actually talk.
00:22:17> 00:22:21:	Little bit about that, so I think it took me
00:22:21> 00:22:24:	a lot longer to get to certain places because I
00:22:24> 00:22:29:	had these maternity leaves because they that was not being
00:22:29> 00:22:32:	that that time away. And even though it was much
00:22:32> 00:22:35:	shorter than than what we what people can have now.
00:22:35> 00:22:39:	So I think that that had a definitely an impact
00:22:39> 00:22:43:	on a long slow career career path for me so.
00:22:43> 00:22:45:	But you know, I'm a classic mother.
00:22:45> 00:22:47:	I would say that my best projects were my kids,
00:22:47> 00:22:51:	you know so. And then in terms of Ibi,
00:22:51> 00:22:55:	well, I mean I, I think you know,
00:22:55> 00:22:57:	l think we have an amazing diverse portfolio.
00:22:57> 00:23:01:	Projects were involved in some of the most exciting projects
00:23:01> 00:23:05:	that that are happening throughout the Lower mainland.
00:23:05> 00:23:07:	Without a question, I think we you know we cover
00:23:07> 00:23:08:	range.
00:23:08> 00:23:12:	We do everything game. We're known for our high rises,
00:23:12> 00:23:15:	but we do all kinds of mixed use projects.
00:23:15> 00:23:17:	We do health care, we do.
00:23:17> 00:23:21:	Education we do. You know we're doing interiors that we
00:23:21> 00:23:25:	so a wide range of projects are wide range of
00:23:25> 00:23:29:	people I think are actual staff are incredibly diverse.
00:23:29> 00:23:32:	I think that's always been the case in terms of
00:23:32> 00:23:32:	our staff.
00:23:32> 00:23:37:	The diversity there are people coming from different places
	and
00:23:37> 00:23:38:	different areas.
00:23:38> 00:23:41:	l think it's always been a real real bonus up
00:23:42> 00:23:44:	for us so and and for me as a as
00:23:44> 00:23:45:	an architect.
00:23:45> 00:23:48:	One of the things I I really liked about IB
00:23:48> 00:23:48:	eyes,
00:23:48> 00:23:51:	I had an opportunity to be involved in a project
00:23:51> 00:23:54:	from the very inception all the way through construction and
00:23:55> 00:23:56:	and I think that has been great,

00:23:56> 00:24:00:	as there is a real action of hearing projects that you
00:24:00> 00:24:00:	so there's a real satisfaction of having projects that you
	can see all the way through through every phase of
00:24:03> 00:24:04:	development so.
00:24:06> 00:24:08:	So yeah, so that's my plug for IPI.
00:24:08> 00:24:09:	In terms of I, you know,
00:24:09> 00:24:14:	obviously having worked here so long I only have that.
00:24:14> 00:24:19:	One experience, but uhm, you know it's it's being.
00:24:19> 00:24:24:	It's been a really interesting career place to come and
00:24:25> 00:24:28:	not not every day not all the time.
00:24:28> 00:24:33:	But yeah, it's being. I don't think I don't know
00:24:33> 00:24:37:	where anybody will get that kind of experience so.
00:24:37> 00:24:38:	Yeah
00:24:38> 00:24:41:	it is. It is very different experience 'cause it's probably
00:24:41> 00:24:43:	less common now for people to to be at one
00:24:43> 00:24:44:	place for that long,
00:24:44> 00:24:47:	but in in many ways it's you have been a
00:24:47> 00:24:51:	kind of a different companies because it's grown and
	changed
00:24:51> 00:24:51:	so much.
00:24:51> 00:24:55:	The sister, yes, I guess our final question now is
00:24:55> 00:24:58:	what advice do you have for young professionals?
00:24:58> 00:25:01:	l know before your you know just we're talking about
00:25:01> 00:25:03:	how China live a happy life and work,
00:25:03> 00:25:07:	life balance and anything. But you have other advice on
00:25:07> 00:25:07:	that,
00:25:07> 00:25:10:	but also on building one's career and and finding what
00:25:10> 00:25:11:	they want to do.
00:25:11> 00:25:13:	And I think if you want if you can talk
00:25:13> 00:25:13:	to that briefly
00:25:14> 00:25:18:	so I so. I mean I say this to come.
00:25:18> 00:25:23:	Till all the intern architect some is that get your
00:25:23> 00:25:27:	registration as an architect right here exams.
00:25:27> 00:25:29:	You're never in a better place to write exams then
00:25:29> 00:25:31:	when you're directly out of university.
00:25:31> 00:25:34:	When the when the world is more black and white
00:25:34> 00:25:37:	the older you get the greater against.
00:25:37> 00:25:40:	I think you are in the exam writing mode.
00:25:40> 00:25:42:	I think you so do it.
00:25:42> 00:25:44:	Do it. Get your experience.
00:25:44> 00:25:47:	So and I had applied that to any any profession
00:25:47> 00:25:48:	planners.
00:25:48> 00:25:51:	Engineers, of course, architects. There's a surprising number
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	of them
00:25:51> 00:25:55:	that don't actually fulfill all the requirements to get registered
00:25:55> 00:25:57:	or that they take mixed exceptionally long time.
00:25:57> 00:26:00:	It's not a typical, so I would say that get
00:26:00> 00:26:01:	your registration.
00:26:01> 00:26:03:	That's the one thing I felt that I did right.
00:26:03> 00:26:06:	I wrote this exams right out of out of school
00:26:06> 00:26:07:	and I think it.
00:26:07> 00:26:09:	I think that was a good thing.
00:26:09> 00:26:14:	I think other things that I would advise staff is
00:26:14> 00:26:18:	that our service staff that advise young,
00:26:18> 00:26:21:	young young people. Is UM,
00:26:21> 00:26:23:	that you know it's not going to be?
00:26:23> 00:26:25:	It's not necessary going to be easy.
00:26:25> 00:26:27:	It's going to be. You're going to have abs and
00:26:27> 00:26:27:	flows,
00:26:27> 00:26:30:	ups and downs. It's gonna be times when you want
00:26:30> 00:26:32:	to really change where you're going.
00:26:32> 00:26:35:	I think perseverance, you know.
00:26:35> 00:26:38:	I think you've got to go with that.
00:26:38> 00:26:39:	I think you have to.
00:26:39> 00:26:42:	Sometimes you have to be able to communicate exactly what
00:26:42> 00:26:43:	it is you want.
00:26:43> 00:26:44:	Nobody is going to read your mind.
00:26:44> 00:26:48:	Nobody's gonna figure it out for you.
00:26:48> 00:26:50:	You know it's so you.
00:26:50> 00:26:52:	Sometimes have to ask for what you want.
00:26:52> 00:26:54:	Uhm, I don't mean and aggressively,
00:26:54> 00:26:57:	but actually be clear about what you want with people
00:26:57> 00:26:58:	you work with.
00:26:58> 00:27:02:	And I think all the standard things about about being
00:27:02> 00:27:05:	respectful of your colleagues stand,
00:27:05> 00:27:08:	so you never know when the people you work with
00:27:09> 00:27:12:	or who work for you will become your clients down
00:27:12> 00:27:13:	the road.
00:27:13> 00:27:16:	It's a very small community in Vancouver,
00:27:16> 00:27:19:	very small, you will run into these people again,
00:27:19> 00:27:21:	so treating people well. Treating them respectfully,
00:27:21> 00:27:24:	you don't have to like everybody but,
00:27:24> 00:27:28:	but being able to work with others is incredibly important.
00:27:28> 00:27:31: 00:27:31> 00:27:32:	I mean, some people have the luxury of being a starchitect,

00:27:32> 00:27:35:	but the majority of us don't have that luxury.
00:27:35> 00:27:36:	We're not going to be that,
00:27:36> 00:27:37:	but we want to be good,
00:27:37> 00:27:42:	competent professionals. And those relationships are incredibly important,
00:27:42> 00:27:46:	so gain. It's treating people well,
00:27:46> 00:27:48:	listening to what they have to say.
00:27:48> 00:27:49:	And like. I say, I can't tell you the number
00:27:49> 00:27:50:	of people that have.
00:27:50> 00:27:54:	Worked with me for me that have you know,
00:27:54> 00:27:57:	gone on to work at the city I've gone on
00:27:57> 00:28:00:	to work for our client groups.
00:28:00> 00:28:03:	You know different governmental authorities.
00:28:03> 00:28:04:	You know it is a game,
00:28:04> 00:28:06:	a very small. It's a,
00:28:06> 00:28:09:	it's a very small world,
00:28:09> 00:28:13:	so yeah, I think those are the key things.
00:28:13> 00:28:15:	The other thing I would say that that really helped
00:28:15> 00:28:16:	me.
00:28:16> 00:28:19:	Mentoring mentoring is great if you can find someone who's
00:28:19> 00:28:20:	a good manager,
00:28:20> 00:28:24:	that's great, but some of us need an advocate to
00:28:24> 00:28:26:	and so from my experience,
00:28:26> 00:28:30:	having somebody actually within the firm who also advocated for
00:28:30> 00:28:34:	me at different points was it was a really important
00:28:34> 00:28:37:	piece of making sure that my voice was heard.
00:28:37> 00:28:40:	Uh, so you know if you can find yourself an
00:28:40> 00:28:41:	advocate that I would,
00:28:41> 00:28:43:	that's the way to go.
00:28:43> 00:28:45:	So I think that's good.
00:28:45> 00:28:47:	You know, and yeah, and I wish I wish I
00:28:47> 00:28:50:	could say everything is going to be the lives are
00:28:50> 00:28:53:	gonna be perfect and balanced and and happy,
00:28:53> 00:28:57:	but it's obviously. It's it's always going to be that
00:28:57> 00:28:57:	way,
00:28:57> 00:28:59:	and I think there are times when you have to
00:28:59> 00:29:01:	put more into your career and times when you have
00:29:01> 00:29:03:	to put more into your family and you're going to
00:29:03> 00:29:05:	have to make those hard choices and so.
00:29:09> 00:29:12:	That's that's that's a lot of it's great to hear
00:29:13> 00:29:13:	from.

00:29:13> 00:29:16: 00:29:16> 00:29:19: 00:29:19> 00:29:22: 00:29:22> 00:29:25: 00:29:25> 00:29:28:	So I've been. I'm getting messages that were we need to hit the question answer period so thank you so much for that and I was actually that was really great and all right now I'm gonna add it up with you guys and you guys can manage the questions.
00:29:28> 00:29:29:	Thanks once candida.
00:29:30> 00:29:33:	Yeah, thanks Anita, that was incredibly insightful and and for
00:29:33> 00:29:35:	taking the time to do this.
00:29:35> 00:29:37:	Uh, we did get quite a few questions in which
00:29:37> 00:29:38:	is really thrilling.
00:29:38> 00:29:41:	UM, the first one we got was from Cheryl Peters
00:29:41> 00:29:42:	and Cheryl.
00:29:42> 00:29:44:	I'm just gonna unmute you right now so you can
00:29:44> 00:29:46:	ask your question to Anita.
00:29:49> 00:29:50:	Good morning, you lie. Good morning,
00:29:50> 00:29:54:	Anita. My question is about design and having been a
00:29:55> 00:29:59:	veteran in the business. How has the prevalence of I'll
00:29:59> 00:30:03:	stay in affordability in particular housing changed the way we
00:30:03> 00:30:07:	designed both architecturally and how we see our urban landscape?
00:30:07> 00:30:12:	Right, so of course, affordable housing isn't the topic or
00:30:12> 00:30:13:	everybody's minds,
00:30:13> 00:30:15:	and of course we've seen certainly in our high rise
00:30:16> 00:30:16:	give all of the,
00:30:16> 00:30:20:	uh, the push for rental housing and affordable housing.
00:30:20> 00:30:23:	And and I'm, I'm sure you see many of these
00:30:23> 00:30:24:	projects now.
00:30:24> 00:30:27:	Now I have to be clear to this is not
00:30:27> 00:30:29:	my specific area of expertise,
00:30:29> 00:30:32:	but you know, we're seeing where we were with our
00:30:32> 00:30:36:	market housing that we are incorporating the affordable housing and
00:30:36> 00:30:38:	it's been interesting to see how.
00:30:38> 00:30:42:	We're creating buildings that are that are are split off
00:30:42> 00:30:46:	from each other that have an affordable entry versus a
00:30:46> 00:30:47:	market entry,
00:30:47> 00:30:48:	and to me that's kind of.
00:30:48> 00:30:53:	It is a really interesting way of designing.
00:30:53> 00:30:55:	They that so so I think it hasn't had a
00:30:55> 00:30:59:	significant impact where we see in our buildings that that
00:30:59> 00:31:03:	you know we're dividing up our buildings in a certain
00:31:03> 00:31:04:	way that so we have a mix,

00:31:04> 00:31:07:	but we don't have a mic so I I can
00:31:07> 00:31:10:	certainly see that influence on things.
00:31:10> 00:31:13:	You know of course, and we also have projects that
00:31:13> 00:31:14:	are just affordable housing.
00:31:14> 00:31:16:	I see, I, I see that the work that we're
00:31:16> 00:31:20:	doing in affordable housing is trying to make sure that
00:31:20> 00:31:22:	we have the the best quality of products.
00:31:22> 00:31:27:	The durability. I think that our mindset is really changing.
00:31:27> 00:31:31:	'cause affordable building now impacts.
00:31:31> 00:31:33:	A significant portion of people,
00:31:33> 00:31:36:	so it's not just lower income per say.
00:31:36> 00:31:40:	It affects, it's affecting. It affects my children's ability to
00:31:40> 00:31:42:	live in the City of Vancouver effects everybody.
00:31:42> 00:31:44:	So I think we're having a different approach.
00:31:44> 00:31:48:	We've taken the same care and consideration into the
	designs
00:31:48> 00:31:52:	of affordable housing as we are into our market housing.
00:31:52> 00:31:55:	Yes, the the products might be somewhat different,
00:31:55> 00:31:57:	but we we we are taking a longer view of
00:31:57> 00:31:59:	it and I think a lot more design is going
00:31:59> 00:32:01:	into those projects.
00:32:01> 00:32:02:	And then of course. All of our projects now.
00:32:02> 00:32:09:	The sustainability piece has been so important and that's so.
00:32:09> 00:32:10:	So how is it affected?
00:32:10> 00:32:14:	The desirability I think the quality of all our buildings
00:32:14> 00:32:18:	and certainly in Vancouver has has has only been increasing
00:32:18> 00:32:22:	and we're thinking about the durability and the long term
00:32:22> 00:32:25:	impacts of our buildings. You know nobody wants.
00:32:25> 00:32:28:	We're not thinking of buildings with a 20 year lifespan
00:32:28> 00:32:29:	or 30 year life stuff.
00:32:29> 00:32:32:	We're thinking of it for the longevity of it.
00:32:32> 00:32:34:	So I'm not sure if that totally answers your question,
00:32:34> 00:32:37:	but I think that UM and it'll be interesting to
00:32:37> 00:32:40:	see what these new buildings that were putting to putting
00:32:40> 00:32:42:	the have the market and the affordable.
00:32:42> 00:32:45:	How that really works. And and are we creating second
00:32:45> 00:32:46:	class citizens here?
00:32:46> 00:32:51:	Or are we actually combining communities so it'll be really
00:32:51> 00:32:54:	interesting to see really the impact of this on our
00:32:54> 00:32:55:	in our cities.
00:32:55> 00:32:59:	So. That's
00:32:59> 00:33:00:	awesome, thanks for that answer.

00:33:00> 00:33:04:	I appreciate it Anita and another question we had sent
00:33:04> 00:33:08:	to us was from Freddie from Taurus talent and he
00:33:08> 00:33:12:	asks if there was one thing you wish that could
00:33:12> 00:33:15:	be automated in the design and construction process.
00:33:15> 00:33:16:	What would it be?
00:33:17> 00:33:21:	Well so and we're working on this so.
00:33:21> 00:33:25:	It's really basically about class detection.
00:33:25> 00:33:28:	And we're having we have actual blocks that are trying.
00:33:28> 00:33:30:	Or would that? We're doing this for,
00:33:30> 00:33:34:	but, uh, you know, it's a,
00:33:34> 00:33:36:	so it's it's really it is about the class.
00:33:36> 00:33:38:	Diction is being able to.
00:33:38> 00:33:41:	So we have rabbit. Now we're doing everything in 3D
00:33:41> 00:33:42:	that we're able to see it,
00:33:42> 00:33:44:	but that we have something that scrubs,
00:33:44> 00:33:50:	are drawings and picks up all those those little mistakes.
00:33:50> 00:33:52:	And that I never want to take.
00:33:52> 00:33:54:	I mean, you never want to take that the person
00:33:54> 00:33:55:	out of that.
00:33:55> 00:33:58:	Because you you want them to understand that everything
	that
00:33:58> 00:34:00:	they draw has an impact.
00:34:00> 00:34:04:	But for me I would really like there to be
00:34:04> 00:34:04:	that.
00:34:04> 00:34:08:	The automated piece that really picks up all of those
00:34:08> 00:34:12:	areas where you have these classes where you have conflicts.
00:34:12> 00:34:15:	Yeah, so that for me that would be really important
00:34:16> 00:34:16:	piece.
00:34:16> 00:34:16:	You're
00:34:16> 00:34:19:	saying between disciplines like if like mechanical doesn't line up
00:34:19> 00:34:21:	with structural or something like
00:34:21> 00:34:23:	that. And I mean we're doing that already,
00:34:23> 00:34:25:	but it's still not fully there.
00:34:25> 00:34:28:	So yes, we were already doing that and and it's
00:34:28> 00:34:29:	got yes.
00:34:29> 00:34:33:	But yes, it's it's all of those kinds of conflicts.
00:34:33> 00:34:36:	You know, so yeah, I I would love it that
00:34:36> 00:34:40:	that that is it just gets even further into that
00:34:40> 00:34:41:	so that pieces were.
00:34:41> 00:34:44:	Yeah I. I would like the automation.
00:34:45> 00:34:48:	Is it kind of like a Microsoft Word spell check

00:34:48> 00:34:48:	right now,
00:34:48> 00:34:50:	so you could you you goes through checks.
00:34:50> 00:34:52:	All these things. Make sure probably do it one more
00:34:52> 00:34:53:	time to make sure it's all.
00:34:53> 00:34:53:	Yeah,
00:34:53> 00:34:57:	but even even word check doesn't pick up everything right?
00:34:57> 00:35:00:	Because it it. It doesn't have our human intelligence to
00:35:00> 00:35:03:	know when it's quite the right person.
00:35:03> 00:35:05:	So I mean, but you know,
00:35:05> 00:35:07:	on the on the other part of it,
00:35:07> 00:35:11:	I mean part of construction administration is problem solving,
00:35:11> 00:35:15:	right? Is that those conflicts when things don't work right
00:35:15> 00:35:16:	and and we become?
00:35:16> 00:35:19:	That are architects when we actually know what those are
00:35:19> 00:35:22:	and how we can resolve them so that they work.
00:35:22> 00:35:25:	But uh, but yeah, that like like I guess,
00:35:25> 00:35:28:	effectively somewhat like a word were checked,
00:35:28> 00:35:33:	but, uh, yeah, it's so those programs I still like
00:35:33> 00:35:37:	to see more of that developed come to pick up
00:35:37> 00:35:39:	those mistakes.
00:35:39> 00:35:39:	Awesome,
00:35:39> 00:35:42:	appreciate that. Uh Mayo Randolph,
00:35:42> 00:35:43:	you had a question as well.
00:35:43> 00:35:45:	Uhm do you wanna ask it to?
00:35:45> 00:35:46:	Anita.
00:35:46> 00:35:49:	Yeah, I actually have two questions that we have time
00:35:49> 00:35:50:	for it.
00:35:50> 00:35:53:	The first is for someone who's not familiar with a
00:35:53> 00:35:57:	career in architecture or architecture in general.
00:35:57> 00:36:01:	What are some specific skills or types of people that
00:36:01> 00:36:03:	do particularly well in the field?
00:36:04> 00:36:06:	Well, I think I think.
00:36:06> 00:36:09:	You know something I didn't know when I went into
00:36:09> 00:36:12:	architecture is the range of skills that you can have,
00:36:12> 00:36:14:	right? So so we talk a lot about the design
00:36:15> 00:36:17:	skills and the people who could.
00:36:17> 00:36:20:	Certainly my day. Who could draw well and you know
00:36:20> 00:36:21:	had this vision.
00:36:21> 00:36:23:	But actually we need you need,
00:36:23> 00:36:25:	so that's great, that's fantastic.
00:36:25> 00:36:28:	And where you know if you're a strong designer,
00:36:28> 00:36:32:	that's great. But there's all these other areas in architecture

00:36:32> 00:36:34:	where you where people can excel,
00:36:34> 00:36:37:	right? So? You know, I I,
00:36:37> 00:36:39:	when I graduated from school,
00:36:39> 00:36:42:	I had no sense of what contract and men would
00:36:42> 00:36:42:	be right.
00:36:42> 00:36:46:	And and you know, some of the some of my
00:36:46> 00:36:48:	colleagues with this,
00:36:48> 00:36:54:	with their contract administration skills and abilities to resolve problems
00:36:54> 00:36:57:	I learned so much from them right about about.
00:36:57> 00:37:02:	You know about what the the skill of negotiation with
00:37:02> 00:37:03:	the contractor,
00:37:03> 00:37:07:	the ability to solve problems on site.
00:37:07> 00:37:09:	That works to everybody's advantage.
00:37:09> 00:37:12:	The collaboration of those pieces,
00:37:12> 00:37:14:	so their skill levels all the way through.
00:37:14> 00:37:17:	So there's design. There's those who do design.
00:37:17> 00:37:20:	There's the technical piece that people really understand all the
00:37:20> 00:37:23:	components of the building and and the detailing that goes
00:37:23> 00:37:23:	together.
00:37:23> 00:37:25:	There are those who you know.
00:37:25> 00:37:27:	The public consultation piece. I mean,
00:37:27> 00:37:30:	I always really enjoyed that they they meeting the public,
00:37:30> 00:37:34:	understanding what their issues and their concerns were.
00:37:34> 00:37:37:	Those were always really interesting to be involved,
00:37:37> 00:37:41:	and I'd liked. So, so that that social interaction,
00:37:41> 00:37:44:	UM the working with Miss Feltes,
00:37:44> 00:37:47:	that kind of coming to a resolution on a project.
00:37:47> 00:37:50:	So there are all kinds of skill levels they need
00:37:50> 00:37:53:	all the way through and and the majority of their
00:37:53> 00:37:57:	there are few architects that really capture everything but many,
00:37:57> 00:37:59:	many people just end up in this specialty.
00:37:59> 00:38:01:	l mean we, you know so.
00:38:01> 00:38:03:	So yeah, there are many different skill levels and I
00:38:04> 00:38:05:	are going into architecture.
00:38:05> 00:38:07:	I thought it was going to be all design.
00:38:07> 00:38:08:	I thought about the buildings I.
00:38:08> 00:38:10:	Thought about what you could create,
00:38:10> 00:38:12:	but I really had no sense of the depth of
00:38:12> 00:38:16:	the of knowledge that's required in the industry and that
00:38:16> 00:38:19:	people of all different kinds of backgrounds can excel at

00:38:19> 00:38:22:	it so. Saying I'm not sure on Randolph is that
00:38:22> 00:38:26:	that really actually answered your question,
00:38:26> 00:38:28:	but yeah, there are all kinds of different skill levels.
00:38:28> 00:38:30:	When I when I'm interviewing,
00:38:30> 00:38:32:	I mean communication is important part.
00:38:32> 00:38:36:	Being able to explain what you've done on a project,
00:38:36> 00:38:40:	how you've approached it, all of that is being it's
00:38:40> 00:38:45:	really important that personality piece of it always factors in
00:38:45> 00:38:45:	as well.
00:38:45> 00:38:49:	So yeah, so wide range of skills in architecture.
00:38:49> 00:38:50:	When I went in it was.
00:38:50> 00:38:54:	I actually had a strong art background,
00:38:54> 00:38:56:	not necessarily what I'm doing today that's for sure.
00:38:56> 00:38:58:	So, OK,
00:38:58> 00:39:03:	yeah, you actually brought up a really good point where.
00:39:03> 00:39:05:	Correcting the wrong with minor,
00:39:05> 00:39:07:	but based on what you said it sounds like it's
00:39:07> 00:39:11:	very often where an architecture as a particular vision of
00:39:11> 00:39:12:	how a project would look,
00:39:12> 00:39:16:	but after speaking with people on site and municipalities and
00:39:16> 00:39:18:	other stakeholders involved,
00:39:18> 00:39:21:	they have to change the design to match what's needed.
00:39:21> 00:39:22:	Set is that correct?
00:39:22> 00:39:27:	Yeah U dot, but usually yes you adopt.
00:39:27> 00:39:30:	But I think good design is is does just that
00:39:30> 00:39:33:	that it's not so rigid as flexible that you take
00:39:33> 00:39:34:	into.
00:39:34> 00:39:39:	Consideration all other aspects they that you know.
00:39:39> 00:39:43:	Sometimes it's frustrating. Sometimes there there there are stakeholders that
00:39:43> 00:39:47:	are making more challenging and more rigid constraints that
	you
00:39:47> 00:39:48:	have to work within,
00:39:48> 00:39:53:	but. You know the the best projects are are really
00:39:53> 00:39:56:	kind of you have a vision yes,
00:39:56> 00:40:00:	but you collaborate. Any created a really functional piece of
00:40:00> 00:40:01:	of work as well,
00:40:01> 00:40:05:	right? So? You know we had them today.
00:40:05> 00:40:08:	The users enjoy it and and and experience it.
00:40:08> 00:40:10:	So I mean, that's one of the things I liked
00:40:10> 00:40:12:	about working on schools.
00:40:12> 00:40:14:	Is is that it was real sense of giving to

00:40:14> 00:40:17:	the community and being part of that.
00:40:17> 00:40:21:	That that was really rewarding to me.
00:40:21> 00:40:24:	So yeah, so so yeah,
00:40:24> 00:40:27:	it's it's. I think that's the tones of architecture.
00:40:27> 00:40:31:	It's about problem solving and it's bringing all these different
00:40:31> 00:40:35:	forces together and all these regulatory bodies and all our
00:40:35> 00:40:36:	building codes and and.
00:40:36> 00:40:40:	And you know our whatever sustainability measures were able to
00:40:40> 00:40:43:	bring into a project and all of that.
00:40:43> 00:40:47:	Those are challenges, but usually with the end result being
00:40:47> 00:40:48:	a better building.
00:40:48> 00:40:50:	That's what you're always looking for.
00:40:50> 00:40:51:	OK
00:40:51> 00:40:55:	yeah I come. So could you know?
00:40:55> 00:40:58:	I'm wondering if you could speak to any of those
00:40:58> 00:41:00:	projects that you've mentioned earlier,
00:41:00> 00:41:03:	the school, or anything that you've been involved in specifically,
00:41:03> 00:41:07:	any of the more surprising changes that happen along the
00:41:07> 00:41:10:	way from the original vision to the final product.
00:41:11> 00:41:16:	Uhm, so well, let me let me think about some
00:41:16> 00:41:17:	specifics,
00:41:17> 00:41:22:	so I worked on Elmer Mentry School that was that.
00:41:22> 00:41:24:	That we were bringing a kind of a new 21st
00:41:24> 00:41:26:	century approach to it.
00:41:26> 00:41:28:	At least that's what they were calling at the time.
00:41:28> 00:41:30:	I was kind of a new vision of what a
00:41:31> 00:41:35:	school looks like and and it was really interesting 'cause
00:41:35> 00:41:38:	they had brought in some planning experts out of EU
00:41:39> 00:41:43:	S who were looking at classrooms in a different way
00:41:43> 00:41:48:	in terms of different sizes and different of creating these
00:41:48> 00:41:51:	kind of Community Schools that with.
00:41:51> 00:41:54:	That had you know difference by space is not standard
00:41:54> 00:41:58:	classrooms and it was really an interesting kind of re
00:41:58> 00:42:02:	looking at education in general and what what a classroom
00:42:02> 00:42:05:	looks like and what was really interesting about it.
00:42:05> 00:42:09:	And there were things that were super successful with it
00:42:09> 00:42:12:	and some that were less So what was interesting is
00:42:12> 00:42:15:	that we're also having were part of the educating of
00:42:15> 00:42:19:	the teachers and how they use these spaces differently so
00:42:19> 00:42:20:	so that project.

00:42:20> 00:42:25:	Was really quite exciting and interesting,
00:42:25> 00:42:30:	but and interesting to see in the end how how
00:42:30> 00:42:32:	it was used so it.
00:42:32> 00:42:35:	So some teachers couldn't change how they viewed the world
00:42:36> 00:42:38:	and therefore say they had a smaller group.
00:42:38> 00:42:41:	They have a series of rooms of different sizes that
00:42:41> 00:42:42:	they had to work with.
00:42:42> 00:42:45:	Well, some teachers could only put a desk in a
00:42:45> 00:42:47:	classroom and that became your classroom.
00:42:47> 00:42:50:	So it was kind of interesting to see how they
00:42:50> 00:42:53:	try to stuff a standard classroom of,
00:42:53> 00:42:55:	say, 24 students into space.
00:42:55> 00:43:00:	Really designed not to hold a standard deaths in \$0.24.
00:43:00> 00:43:03:	So so seeing that kind of.
00:43:03> 00:43:05:	Evolution of how projects are used.
00:43:05> 00:43:08:	The next school maybe. Maybe you don't go quite to
00:43:08> 00:43:10:	the same extent,
00:43:10> 00:43:11:	but there are other pieces of it that work,
00:43:11> 00:43:13:	so it's kind of learning from your projects as you
00:43:13> 00:43:14:	go along.
00:43:14> 00:43:18:	I would say in terms of taking surprises.
00:43:21> 00:43:23:	You know how things evolved?
00:43:23> 00:43:26:	I mean, when we put some administration offices for a
00:43:26> 00:43:27:	client room,
00:43:27> 00:43:30:	the into the Hotel Vancouver.
00:43:30> 00:43:34:	It's within that roof structure and dealing with with with
00:43:34> 00:43:38:	the building of that age with with certain limitations to
00:43:38> 00:43:41:	what drawings were available to have to be creative as
00:43:41> 00:43:44:	you were doing it to put in extra stairs within
00:43:45> 00:43:48:	this existing building to try and do the seismic up
00:43:48> 00:43:50:	pieces that you needed to do.
00:43:50> 00:43:53:	We have to really play and really kind of revise
00:43:53> 00:43:57:	our drawings as we work through the project because again
00:43:57> 00:44:01:	we have limited information in certain areas.
00:44:01> 00:44:03:	So, so that was kind of like just kind of
00:44:03> 00:44:07:	figuring out how we meet all the code requirements within
00:44:07> 00:44:10:	the really constrained space and still make it a really
00:44:10> 00:44:12:	great space. So so I mean,
00:44:12> 00:44:14:	there's so projects often take.
00:44:17> 00:44:20:	A different build than you anticipate at the time.
00:44:22> 00:44:25:	So I I don't know if I'm specifically answering your

00:44:25> 00:44:26:	question,
00:44:26> 00:44:29:	but but there are all kinds of things that happen
00:44:29> 00:44:32:	in the life of a project that changes where you
00:44:32> 00:44:35:	started off and where you end up and what that
00:44:35> 00:44:38:	will look like in your next project.
00:44:38> 00:44:38:	So.
00:44:39> 00:44:40:	Yeah, I know that that did answer my question.
00:44:41> 00:44:44:	It's really cool to hear you know the thought process
00:44:44> 00:44:48:	of the school project and what you know the type
00:44:48> 00:44:51:	of people that you would consider to end users and
00:44:51> 00:44:55:	everybody involved. Yeah, really cool to hear from that Oliver.
00:44:55> 00:44:56:	Do you have any more questions?
00:44:58> 00:44:59:	I did have one last one before we kind of
00:45:00> 00:45:02:	wrap up here as I'm sure there's many people here.
00:45:02> 00:45:04:	Have a have a 9:00 AM meeting,
00:45:04> 00:45:09:	UM, but. When you were speaking earlier about your new
00:45:09> 00:45:10:	hires,
00:45:10> 00:45:12:	or really when we think about like intern,
00:45:12> 00:45:15:	architects or junior architects, that kind of thing.
00:45:15> 00:45:18:	Uhm, there's obviously a lot of interpersonal skills that are
00:45:18> 00:45:19:	incredibly important,
00:45:19> 00:45:21:	as you highlighted, which is great,
00:45:21> 00:45:25:	but I was quite curious about their technology skills.
00:45:25> 00:45:27:	Maybe as it relates to software,
00:45:27> 00:45:29:	so when you have these young architects coming out of
00:45:29> 00:45:30:	school and joining Ibi,
00:45:30> 00:45:33:	what will their careers look like from a technology lens
00:45:33> 00:45:34:	in the next,
00:45:34> 00:45:37:	like 5-10 years? That kind of thing.
00:45:37> 00:45:38:	What kind of software will they be using?
00:45:38> 00:45:41:	How will buildings be designed differently?
00:45:41> 00:45:43:	Like kind of the future of the project design from
00:45:43> 00:45:46:	architecture standpoint as it relates from the tech side?
00:45:47> 00:45:50:	Yeah, so I mean, I've tax incredibly important in our
00:45:50> 00:45:50:	business,
00:45:50> 00:45:52:	so of course obviously when I graduated,
00:45:52> 00:45:54:	everything was hand drawn, right,
00:45:54> 00:45:58:	completely different. You don't have to have the same kind
00:45:58> 00:46:01:	of printing that skills that you used to have to
00:46:01> 00:46:01:	have.
00:46:01> 00:46:04:	And I mean you guys are such an advantage 'cause

00:46:04> 00:46:07:	you're already complete your tech savvy.
00:46:07> 00:46:08:	You don't have to think about it.
00:46:08> 00:46:12:	You know you can multitask on multiple devices all at
00:46:12> 00:46:13:	the same time,
00:46:13> 00:46:16:	and so you guys, that that's a huge advantage like
00:46:16> 00:46:16:	it's.
00:46:16> 00:46:18:	It's amazing where Aztec gonna go.
00:46:18> 00:46:20:	Well, I don't know exactly,
00:46:20> 00:46:23:	but I know As for creating this virtual office world
00:46:23> 00:46:26:	for ourselves that it's you know we're creating right.
00:46:26> 00:46:27:	We call it the hype.
00:46:27> 00:46:29:	It's like a beehive. What that looks like,
00:46:29> 00:46:31:	how you manipulate in it.
00:46:31> 00:46:34:	You know it's a tech is going to be increasingly
00:46:34> 00:46:37:	important and it's going to infiltrate.
00:46:37> 00:46:40:	Everything we're doing and I think you guys are in
00:46:40> 00:46:42:	great position where it's truly gonna go.
00:46:42> 00:46:46:	I don't know I you know that's not my area
00:46:46> 00:46:50:	of expertise but I am amazed at at at the
00:46:50> 00:46:54:	applications were using the things we're doing.
00:46:54> 00:46:57:	No, just that I mean everything,
00:46:57> 00:47:00:	every aspect of our lives is like is about the
00:47:00> 00:47:00:	tech right?
00:47:00> 00:47:03:	And and being able to adapt?
00:47:03> 00:47:05:	I mean look II all the apps we ourselves are
00:47:05> 00:47:09:	developing for our phones that we can access things in
00:47:09> 00:47:12:	access or buildings and access all of that stuff like.
00:47:12> 00:47:13:	l mean it's yeah yeah,
00:47:13> 00:47:15:	who knows where it's going to go?
00:47:15> 00:47:16:	But it's just gonna continue to grow.
00:47:16> 00:47:20:	It's going to be more and more important and I
00:47:20> 00:47:24:	think you guys are in a great position to to
00:47:24> 00:47:24:	run it.
00:47:24> 00:47:28:	So so. My generation is not going to because it's
00:47:28> 00:47:29:	
00:47:29> 00:47:32:	not as tech savvy.
00:47:32> 00:47:36:	You know, I still do like those I I would
	You know, I still do like those I I would love to markup drawings and their print out right.
00:47:32> 00:47:36:	You know, I still do like those I I would
00:47:32> 00:47:36: 00:47:36> 00:47:38:	You know, I still do like those I I would love to markup drawings and their print out right. I can't do that right now so I have to
00:47:32> 00:47:36: 00:47:36> 00:47:38: 00:47:38> 00:47:40:	You know, I still do like those I I would love to markup drawings and their print out right. I can't do that right now so I have to have about their skill levels.
00:47:32> 00:47:36: 00:47:36> 00:47:38: 00:47:38> 00:47:40: 00:47:40> 00:47:42:	You know, I still do like those I I would love to markup drawings and their print out right. I can't do that right now so I have to have about their skill levels. But no, I think this is incredible.

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00:47:45> 00:47:47:	the marketing brochures, all of that stuff.
00:47:47> 00:47:50:	I mean, it's amazing what we're able to do,
00:47:50> 00:47:53:	so I just see more and more of that are
00:47:53> 00:47:55:	3D modeling or fly throughs.
00:47:55> 00:47:56:	All of that stuff is.
00:47:56> 00:47:58:	Yeah, it's all about communicating,
00:47:58> 00:47:59:	and it's a great plot.
00:47:59> 00:48:03:	Their great platforms out there for us to communicate on
00:48:03> 00:48:04:	and so yes,
00:48:04> 00:48:07:	I see just continued exponential growth.
00:48:07> 00:48:09:	And in our tech in tech uses so and I
00:48:09> 00:48:12:	think again I think you guys are in a great
00:48:12> 00:48:15:	position so you may not know about buildings you may
00:48:15> 00:48:17:	not know the practicality of it,
00:48:17> 00:48:19:	but you're already ahead of the game because you have
00:48:19> 00:48:20:	those tech skills.
00:48:21> 00:48:23:	Very cool, I appreciate that,
00:48:23> 00:48:25:	UM, I'll pass it back over to you,
00:48:25> 00:48:26:	Chris.
00:48:27> 00:48:29:	Right, uh, my I need I think that's the about
00:48:29> 00:48:31:	the end of our time I'm here this morning.
00:48:31> 00:48:34:	Uhm, thank you so much for doing this I I'm
00:48:34> 00:48:38:	I know the audience that is TuneIn today is really
00:48:38> 00:48:39:	appreciated.
00:48:39> 00:48:41:	That and I know that quite a few people are
00:48:42> 00:48:44:	intending to to view the recording afterwards.
00:48:44> 00:48:48:	It could make it this morning on that note,
00:48:48> 00:48:49:	as this session has been recorded,
00:48:49> 00:48:53:	it will be sent out to all who are registered
00:48:53> 00:48:55:	in the next couple days.
00:48:55> 00:48:57:	So you can view it later.
00:48:57> 00:48:59:	Or do it for the first time if you weren't
00:48:59> 00:49:01:	able to attend this morning,
00:49:01> 00:49:05:	uhm? The UI website has a number of events coming
00:49:05> 00:49:10:	up and the details and registration are open and available
00:49:11> 00:49:11:	online.
00:49:11> 00:49:13:	And I think that's it,
00:49:13> 00:49:17:	over and over mistaken. No,
00:49:17> 00:49:17:	not
00:49:17> 00:49:18:	at all, just big thanks to you,
00:49:18> 00:49:20:	Anita, for taking the time.
00:49:20> 00:49:21:	We know you're incredibly busy.
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00:49:22> 00:49:24:	No thank you for having me.
00:49:26> 00:49:27:	Right,
00:49:27> 00:49:31:	and I'm not. Thanks Nida once again and hope everyone
00:49:31> 00:49:33:	has a as a great day.
00:49:33> 00:49:33:	Right,
00:49:33> 00:49:34:	thank you.

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