



Episode 4: “Going Meta with an Interview about Interviews”

with Mikayla Ford, Methods Specialist with the BC Behavioural Insights Group (BC BIG)

To continue exploring the value of user research, I reached out to Mikayla Ford, who is a qualitative methods whiz. Mikayla and I reminisce about a BC BIG project where we used interviews and exploratory surveys to gain insight into why snowmobilers sled in areas that are closed to protect endangered mountain caribou.

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KIRSTIN APPELT, HOST: Welcome to this edition of Calling DIBS. I'm your host, Kirstin Appelt, Research Director with UBC Decision Insights for Business and Society, or DIBS for short.

Today, we're "calling DIBS" on Mikayla Ford, a methods specialist with the BC behavioural Insights Group within the BC Public Service. I asked Mikayla to join us today because she excels at user research, and I'm looking forward to picking her brain about that today. And on a personal note, Mikayla and I have worked together on a couple of projects with BC BIG, but we're not on any right now. So personally, I'm just glad to have an excuse to chat and catch up with Mikayla. So, Mikayla, welcome to the podcast.

MIKAYLA FORD, GUEST: Thanks, Kirstin. I'm excited to be here and honored to be invited and also very excited just to have a chance to chat because it's been a while.

APPELT: So, can you start by telling us a little bit about yourself and your role at BC BIG?

FORD: For sure. So, as you mentioned, I'm a Methods Specialist with the group. What that means is that my focus is really on sort of the client work. The clients being our ministries. So, helping to run projects. Doing a lot of the project management, a lot of the client engagement, kind of involved in all aspects, the research, any sort of field trials we run, any reporting that we do.

Because of my background, I am usually more involved in the upfront user research portions of the work that we do and kind of the design side of things. We're usually partnered with a behavioural scientist on any project, and the behavioural scientist kind of takes the lead on any trial design and experimentation. So, yeah, sort of involved in all aspects of client work. But that's really my focus.

APPELT: Great. I think that's a good segue to what led you to a career using behavioural insights?

FORD: Yeah, so that's actually kind of an interesting story. And I know I wrote a blog about this once and ended up being quite lengthy. I'll try to do sort of a summary version of it here. I have a background in psychology and science. I studied that in my undergrad and initially coming out of that, I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do. I was interested in psychology and how people think, so I started thinking maybe I wanted to pursue a career in counseling psychology.

At that point, I was living in Alberta and I had moved to Ontario, and I started working with the Toronto Distress Centres and started looking at graduate programs in counseling psychology and kind of looking at how I can be involved in that sort of a type of helping field. But at the same time, my driver's license in Alberta expired, so I went to the Service Ontario desk and I went to go renew my driver's license. And while I was doing that, the woman behind the counter asked me if I wanted to be an organ donor. And I thought this was a really interesting question. I was sort of, kind of stuck on why I didn't know up until this point if I had been an organ donor, you know. For me, that was something that aligns with my values, something I would like to do. I was curious as to why I hadn't really been, like, stopped and asked this question so formally before. So, I asked the Service Ontario desk or agent several questions about, you know, like how often are you asking this question? How often people saying yes, kind of like tried to dig into to this process a little bit deeper. And then when I got home, I continued to look into it. And what I stumbled across was a TED talk by Dan Ariely, where he talks about one of these famous examples in behavioural science about defaults and organ donation and how organ donation rates can be significantly higher in places where the default on the form is to check a box to be an organ donor. Or sorry to not be an organ donor versus the default being check a box to be an organ donor.

I started getting really interested in this type of work. I learned that Dan Ariely actually had a consulting group in Toronto. And when I Googled that, I found out that that group was actually looking for an administrative assistant to join their team. So, I applied for that job with a lot of enthusiasm. I didn't end up getting the administrative assistant job, but it did get hired on as an intern. And so that sort of started my career in behavioural insights. And the company was called BEworks, and I ended up working with them as an associate later on, and kind of was involved with that group and a sister company for about four years in Toronto. And yeah, that was sort of the start of my interest in behavioural insights, evolved into a few different other areas and more recently ended up at the BC Public Service doing this work.

APPELT: That's like it's almost like I planted that story because we've been talking a lot about organ donation, the traditional case study, so that's a perfect fit, and I love that that's what led you to BI. And then just thinking back to our caribou days, I remember driver's licensing coming up a few times, so love that that's also a theme.

FORD: Poor Kirstin had to do all of the driving on that field trip because I had not renewed my driver's license since moving to BC, so it is a running theme in my life. Driver's licenses in pivotal moments.

APPELT: So, and maybe you've already answered this, but do you have a favourite behavioural insight or a case study or is it the organ donation case study?

FORD: Oh, yeah, that one, I guess, was sort of important because it sort of kicked things off for me. But since then, I've been kind of researching and involved in projects that are sort of related to electricity use, so I got really fascinated in the work being done with social norms and electricity use. If you let people know about what their neighbors are consuming or like the average consumption for electricity in your neighborhood or in your community, you have the ability to kind of shift an individual's usage. I found that work really fascinating. And [inaudible] power has been involved in running big trials and doing a lot of this work. So, I think these nudges that have been scaled like that are really interesting for me.

The other one that always comes to mind for me is Save More Tomorrow. So, this is a program pioneered by Benartzi and Thaler. And essentially, it was research that looked at how to get people to save more for retirement. And these research findings evolved into full programs now that are helping, I think it's like 15 million Americans save more for retirement. But what I like about this sort of nudge, or this behavioural

Insight informed program is that it really kind of drew on some important insights about how people think about money and think about saving and accounted for that in a really interesting program design.

For anyone who doesn't know about Save More Tomorrow, essentially what it is, is a program that gets people to commit to save income that they aren't currently earning. So rather than asking somebody at the present to give up like 15 percent of their paycheck to a retirement savings plan, instead they ask people to make a commitment to give up 15 percent of a future income. So, after you get a raise, you know, a certain percentage of that raise to allocate that to retirement savings program. You're kind of committing to this future savings program and in a way, it's helping to sort of get over that loss aversion that people feel in the present moment and using what we know about how people think about future losses and kind of discounting the pain of future losses, leveraging that bias in order to help people save more. And it's shown to be super effective. And like I said, rolled out pretty broadly. I think my favourite behavioural insights or case studies are always those ones that have had these kind of really profound effects. And I think the organ donation one is another good example of that.

APPELT: Absolutely. I totally agree. And Save More Tomorrow is the one that started me on my BI journey, so certainly a favourite for me. And talking more about things we both love, I think one of both of our favourite projects at BC BIG was getting to work together on discouraging snowmobilers to getting them to stop sledding on caribou habitat. It was a fun project, but I think it was also one that was really interesting because I think user research was really important for that project. I was wondering if you could tell us a little bit about why we thought user research would be so important and what exactly we did for user research on that project.

FORD: Yeah, for sure. I think the main reason user research was important here was because neither of us are avid snowmobilers. I actually have never snowmobiled. And having moved from Alberta to Ontario to BC, actually, I was pretty unfamiliar with snowmobiling in general. Snowmobiling culture and actual mechanics of snowmobiling. I didn't know much about the sport, why people did it, what was interesting. So that was a big component for me was, you know, if we're talking about paying taxes or if we're talking about dog licensing, these things that I have some, you know, some experience with, at least I can kind of relate to the mechanics of it. For this one, it was pretty, pretty out there. And I think our client, although he also had some more experience, definitely, I think there were some gaps for him as well. So that was sort of the impetus.

But having said that, if we knew exactly what the issues were, then perhaps the user research wouldn't have been required. But here it was still kind of vague as to why people were entering those snowmobile closures. So, we knew it was happening. We were pretty unclear as to whether that was intentional or whether it was an issue with comprehension. We didn't know if people were exploring those areas because they were better snowmobiling areas or if they just accidentally ended up there. So, in order to create any kind of nudge we kind of needed to understand that aspect of the problem.

I think the other reason it was really important for this particular project was because we're talking about the environment, right? We're talking about people making decisions based on like the built environment around them. So more so even than the interviews, I think it was really important for us to actually be there, you know, be on the site and be able to see the things that snowmobilers are seeing before they head up into the area, into the riding area or understand sort of what the riding area looks like. So that for me was really important.

I guess the difference, again, being if you're talking about a letter, if you're talking about a form or something, I guess you can understand the context in which people are making decisions and which people are interacting

with that touch point. But when we're talking about snowmobiling and making decisions while you're out there, it just, it felt important to be in that space, to understand the context.

APPELT: Absolutely. I think that was game-changing for how we tackled the project. And before we went out into the field, we did some exploratory surveys. Can you talk a little bit about why we did those and what they were asking about?

FORD: Yeah, the exploratory surveys, we were kind of helping us think about what questions we wanted to prioritize during the interviews and to help us think about how we wanted to structure that user research. So, what's nice about this project is that we were able to do the survey before heading out in-field and then able to do a survey after heading out in-field. So, we kind of could shape what we were going to do with that limited time that we had in-field. And then afterwards, we could take sort of some of the hypotheses, some of the insights, and we could confirm those through a survey as well.

But yeah, that initial survey just kind of, I think, laid the groundwork for us getting a sense of what the key behaviours were for four individuals who were riding in these areas to get a sense of the prevalence of people going into closures whether that was self reported or that was perceptions of other people going into closures. So, kind of like gave us a lay of the land in terms of where to focus our questions during the interviews and site visits.

APPELT: Yeah, I totally agree. And I think what was, one of the things that was really neat about the surveys was, you never have a really good sense of what the response rate is going to be. But we had so many responses from so many different people, so many different types of snowmobilers from so many different areas. The snowmobile groups were like heavily promoting the surveys to help us get more. Until, like you said, it really helped us get into the right mindset and the right set of questions for when we did the interviews.

FORD: Yeah, definitely. And I should build on what you just said there, because I think that's a really important piece, was how fortunate we were with response rates here and how invested this group was in supporting this research. I think that's a really critical piece of what made this survey research, in particular a success was that we had this really engaged community of people, which was really great for this project.

APPELT: So that's a good segue to talking about the interviews. Can you talk a bit about what we did with those and how we did them?

FORD: So, for those, there was like I said, there was some sort of inputting data from those initial surveys that helped us figure out where the gaps were in our understanding still. So, from the survey work, you get that quantitative data, which is really great in terms of kind of focusing the conversation. But at the end of the day, you don't know what you don't know. And so, interviews, I think, are really critical for not only kind of exploring your existing hypotheses, but also for generating new ones.

So, in this case, I think it was critical for us to go in and to speak with representatives of that community to learn things that the client didn't already know or things that we didn't ask about in the survey. And so, we approached those by connecting with our client, getting a sense of who he thought would be good representatives from that community to help us understand or help us tackle some of these questions. So, he was able to kind of identify individuals that that we should engage with. And then from there, we thought about what the gaps were in our understanding and how we could ask questions that weren't going to lead people down certain paths. Weren't going to bias answers, but were going to kind of help us engage in a really rich dialogue about the problem at hand, and their understanding, and their hypotheses as to why it exists.

APPELT: So, what do you think some of the advantages of including interviews in the project were?

FORD: I think interviews, regardless of any project, help us to understand what we don't already know. Like you don't know what you don't already know. So, I think with interviews, you have the opportunity to go deeper and to let the respondent guide the conversation and to let the respondent surface issues or surface ideas that you hadn't thought of before. Issues with surveys is that you have to create a question and you have to create maybe a multiple-choice answer list that's based on what you already think might be answers. But oftentimes you might miss out on things that you didn't know, right?

So, interviews can be really helpful in terms of structuring quantitative research that happens afterwards. And I think in this case, the interviews for us were really helpful to not only surface that insight, but also to kind of get us familiar with the culture of snowmobiling in BC, get us familiar with what the values were with that particular group kind of where tensions existed between them and in government processes or regulations being present and being able to interact with people face to face was a far more effective way, I think, of getting that insight and getting a bit more of an understanding and wrap your heads around that a little bit better. So, I think that was what made these interviews really critical. And I think they were a really important component of this project. For sure.

APPELT: I totally agree. And I think, you know, there's some really clear examples for me, thinking back on the interviews of things that we brought to the table where, like you said, we're not snowmobilers. We've neither of us had ever snowmobiled. And so, coming in, we had some ideas of what we thought might work, and then bouncing those ideas off people we realized, you know, some of these ideas are terrible. You know, behavioural insights only work when they when they match the context. And so, I think the interviews helped us understand that better. And then we got ideas from the interviews that we were then able to explore more.

FORD: So, yeah, even I know we were thinking, "Well, why don't you just put-up signs on the boundaries, just put up more signs, put up more signs on the boundaries. That's going to be a way around this or somehow demarcate those better". And I remember being surprised, thinking about, it all came down to the level, the height of the snowfall in the wintertime, and the complexities with going around signage and with understanding like how putting in signs wouldn't actually be a viable solution. And I remember those conversations with some of the representatives from the snowmobile clubs and them just looking at us like, "Are you nuts?".

APPELT: Yeah. The idea that a sign that you put up is either going to be 80 feet below snow line or 80 feet above snow, or above the dry ground. Or even things about putting maps like paper maps, just creating trash or having maps like just the elements being a factor. So many things that we, not being in that mindset, didn't think about.

FORD: And something that if you were to ask on a survey, you wouldn't get the why. I think, like we might say, "How do you feel about putting up signs or how do you feel about issuing more maps?". And you might have people say, you know, "do not agree" or "do not support it". But the "why" would be missing. So, I think interviews are really critical there.

APPELT: And I think maybe a related point for this project is that there were different groups at play. So, there were the snowmobilers themselves. The snowmobile clubs, who often manage the area and are responsible for keeping it clean, or maintaining signs. And the government. And so, understanding the barriers for those different groups was really important. And I think that really came out in the interviews.

FORD: Yeah. Absolutely. And I should mention that as a critical piece, I think, when it comes to interviews or any user research, up front user research in general, if we're about the RIDE model, that whole 'R' phase. For me, I often think about it as like understanding user needs, understanding what barriers and needs exist. And if I think about it in that frame, it can really help to focus how I ask questions and what I'm looking for, and, you know, some needs are easily accessed for people, so people can explicitly tell you what their needs are.

But sometimes people don't know what they need, right? And I'm not saying that we can come in as researchers and figure out what people need, but I do think it can be helpful to come in when you're not, you know, an avid snowmobiler and you're not really immersed in that culture. And to take an outsider's perspective, to see what people seem to be communicating that they need. And, you know, using the tools from behavioural science, being able to think about how we might address those needs.

APPELT: Absolutely. So, I think we've talked up interviews quite a bit. Do you think there's limitations from the interviews in general? Not specific to this project, but what are some of the disadvantages or limitations of interviews?

FORD Oh, yeah. I mean, absolutely. I think, you know, qual and quant research each have benefits. They each have limitations. That's why a mixed methods approach, to me, makes the most sense. I think in interviews, I mean, the obvious stuff is that it's time-consuming and it's more expensive. So, having to fly out to these regions, that takes quite a bit of our time and quite a few hours. And even the costs of flights and everything that all costs money. You also obviously can't talk to as many people. So, your sample size is smaller than in quantitative research. I mean, ideally, we could have done interviews with, you know, 100 different snowmobilers. That would have been ideal. But there's just limitations there. And I think other than those sort of like logistical limitations, from a research perspective, I think one of the main ones that comes up when we talk about qualitative research is just the introduction of bias on the part of the researcher.

I mean, behavioural science, we're all very familiar with biases and we know that that can impact how we ask questions and the types of questions that we're asking. So, I think it's always really important to be mindful of that. I think eliminating that is not possible, but being mindful of it, I think is critical. And also on the reverse, right. There are biases on the part of the participants. And I guess this is the case in all research, that we have a tendency to want to present ourselves in a favourable light. So, we might answer questions in a way that might not actually reflect how we behave, but it seems like the socially desirable response. And so that, I think, comes up quite a bit in user research in particular because- or sorry in interviews, in particular because your face to face with somebody.

So, it can be really critical to make sure that you're building a safe space to have those conversations where people feel like they can be open at wherever possible you have a situation where you can protect people's confidentiality and anonymity, I think helps with that a little bit as well. But absolutely, there are definitely limitations with interviews that I think if you combine them with quantitative methods, sometimes you can kind of work around them. But on their own, I think qualitative or interview methods can be helpful in some projects. But I always like to connect them with quantitative as well.

APPELT Absolutely. I think so valuable, but as a metaphor I was using the other day was it's a piece of the puzzle, it's not the puzzle itself.

FORD: Totally. And I think the way I like to think about it with qualitative work is really about hypothesis generation, right? So, again, going back to "You don't know what you don't know." So, these conversations are exploratory in nature. They're helping us develop ideas of what might be going wrong or what might help. But

at the end of the day, that's where experimentation is key, is to figure out if we do change that, does that actually solve the problem? Does that actually help? So, yeah, really valuable at the upfront, but always nice to have that experimental or quantitative work at the end.

APPELT: Definitely. So how do you prepare for interviews when you know that you're going to be interviewing people for part of a project?

FORD: There's quite a bit of preparation required. First, you need to think about your objectives of your whole project, which can help you then narrow down into specific research questions. And then, a big piece of the puzzle is often recruiting. So, figuring out who is best suited to answer these questions and then, figuring out what's the best way to get in touch with them and to create a space where you can connect with them. So, I think there is a lot that goes into that, and especially from a privacy perspective, being depending on who you're who your participants are, but being mindful of the precautions that you're going to take in terms of storing the data or storing any recordings or any notes on the project, that all needs to be considered in advance of the research. So that's one thing that definitely takes quite a bit of time when I'm preparing to sort of figure out who we're talking to, how we're going to recruit them, and how we're going to manage that scheduling, and that data protection piece. And then it comes down to building out a research guide.

I have a tendency to build a pretty detailed discussion guide. So, you know, how are we going to present ourselves? What are we going to check at the upfront? How are we going to talk about privacy, and then going kind of research question by research question, from a broad level. How are you going to ask questions that address that? And in a discussion guide, there's a lot of resources out there to help how to build a good discussion guide. But generally, I like to take sort of a funnel approach. So, you're asking questions at the beginning that are pretty open, right? And they're pretty high level and not drilling down into any specific ideas or any specific hypotheses that you have. Instead, you're kind of letting the respondent guide you towards those.

You might have an idea of what an issue is or you might have an idea of what a solution could be, but you're not kind of putting those at the front of the discussion guide and asking them to confirm that. Instead, you're opening that conversation, and you're talking at a broad level around what their needs might be, or what their concerns might be. And then, only at the end, once you've funnelled all the way down, do you start kind of asking about those specific pieces.

APPELT: Because interviews are a conversation, and it is a very human enterprise I feel like there are always interviews can be less successful than hoped. Are there any common pitfalls, common mistakes, that you are aware of?

FORD: Yeah. I think there's some logistical stuff, obviously. So, I think it's just important that people's expectations of what's going to happen are set at the outset. So, you don't have a person joining for conversation being like nervous about what it's going to look like. Because as soon as somebody is nervous, letting down their guard and building that rapport can be a little bit challenging. So, setting expectations at the outset, just in terms of like it's going to be this length of time, these are the steps we're going to take, you know? Obviously not getting too specific into the into the research question itself, but just giving people like some general information. How they're going to be compensated, when that'll happen, all that sort of stuff.

I think another common pitfall is having too many people involved in an interview. For example, you have one person and then maybe you have yourself and your colleague and maybe the client and maybe their colleague. Now you have four people talking to one individual. That can be kind of an intimidating situation. So just being really mindful of the dynamics, not only in terms of numbers, but also in terms of any sort of

hierarchy or any kind of power differentials that might exist, and just making sure that you're conscious and being respectful of how this experience is going to be for the interviewee. I think that's really a critical piece. There's kind of the more theoretical stuff around being careful about researcher bias. So, this can be mitigated a lot with how you structure your discussion guide.

But just being really careful about leading questions, that's probably one of the biggest ones, is people will have interviews and they'll be like, "So we're thinking about doing--" this is maybe great at the upfront of a discussion, "We're thinking about doing X, Y and Z. What do you think of that?" And then the respondent, you know, maybe has never considered this, and now you're presenting an idea that you have, and there's kind of like a bit of a pressure to agree, like, "Oh, yeah, that's a great idea!" Or sometimes a pressure to be extra critical or whatnot. It's maybe just not the most effective way of getting information on that. Those types of questions, I think can be asked, but maybe later on in a discussion guide. So leading questions are a big one.

Double barreled questions are another one that we commonly see. So, the researcher would ask a question that has two pieces to it. "What do you think about X, Y, Z? Would you use it?" And now the person has to kind of separate those two questions and answer them in two different ways. It could just be more confusing for the respondent to answer that succinctly. Another thing, is a tendency to want to fill dead air. So, I think a lot of researchers would get uncomfortable if there's a pause, or if there is a break in conversation, and will try and fill that air by maybe re-explaining their question or maybe providing their own opinion or something like this. I think one of the skills in interviewing people is being OK with that silence and being OK with letting people have a moment to think through. It can be awkward. But, it's often where the richest insights come from, right, because people are taking a moment to think about your question. And you should, you know, allow them to have that that time.

APPELT: I love how you pulled together the different logistical problems, the bias problems, and then also just how it is a skill that you have to practice. Most of us aren't naturally comfortable with awkward silences, or most of us don't naturally speak in clear, simple questions that aren't double barreled and aren't leading. So, it is something that you have to practice over time. And then, even with practice, you can still make mistakes, but it is something that you practice and slowly get better at.

FORD: That's such a good point, Kirstin. I know when I started doing my first interviews, I had kind of this assumption that it's just a conversation, you know, that should be fine. But there's actually quite a lot of skill involved in moderating. And I've worked with you know, I wouldn't say I'm an expert in moderation, but I have worked with some experts and I'm always in awe. I think it's a challenging job to be able to ask questions, time things, be approachable enough, and not influence people's answers with, you know, your own biases or how you phrase questions or how you respond to people's answers. It's tricky and it takes practice. And it's one of those things that you shouldn't be frustrated with if you don't nail it off on the first go.

APPELT: Absolutely. And I don't want to name any names, but I'll say there is one project that you and I both worked on where we did interviews and the client came along on some of the interviews, and they definitely had the temptation to jump into any awkward silences or if we'd ask a question that we knew the answer to, but we were posing it to see how the participant interpreted it, the client would jump in and say, "Well, here's what that means!" And so, we had to take them aside and say, "Actually, there's a reason we ask these questions, it's to hear from the participants".

FOORD: Absolutely. And, you know, that I think is again, on us. When it's a good point, when you're doing research like this with a client, it's also about setting expectations for the client. And realistically, I probably should have had that conversation prior to being in the interview. But, yeah, you're right. There was a moment where somebody was showing us something online, showing us how to do something online, and we knew

the process, we knew how the system worked, but we wanted to see him actually do the technique online. And but the respondent went to go start showing us how he does it, and then had to take a phone call. And in the meantime, the client popped in and said, "Oh, let me show you how he does that." And we had to be like, "Oh, no, we know. But there's a reason why we're having him walk us through it." Yeah.

APPELT: Well, so while we're talking about it being a skill and something that you build, do you have a message for BI practitioners in training, whether about user research or about the program or BI? Just, open question, any message for BI practitioners in training.

FORD: So many, so many. I've told, Kirstin that I'm jealous because I think this program sounds so fascinating and I would love to be kind of immersed in that again. But for advice, I would probably say my biggest piece of advice is to stay curious. I think that's what's great about this job, is that it feeds curiosity and it can be the most mundane topic that you're researching. But I think if you have curiosity, it can be really interesting, especially when it comes to user research. So, yes, stay curious.

I think I'd be open to user research. I think there's been a bit of a shift that I've noticed, at least in behavioural insights work and the behavioural insights community towards acknowledging the benefits of doing more qualitative research upfront. And that hasn't always been the case. So, there has been points, at least in my experience in this field, where people wouldn't be open to qualitative research because of concerns around biases and people's inability to predict their own behaviour or their inability to be highly aware and articulate their own attitudes or emotions. And given those might be valid critiques, but I think there's just a lot that can be learned from user research and exploratory research. And I think it's important that anybody new to this field and people that are currently practicing in this field are open to it and at least give it a shot. If it doesn't work for you, then maybe work with somebody who is able to pull good insight from it. But I think it's just important to be open to it.

APPELT: Absolutely. And I love what you said about staying curious, because that definitely resonates with me. And one of the things I love about this work is that you learn something new every day, and new perspectives, new ideas. So, I always find it very rewarding myself.

FORD: Yeah, me too.

APPELT: Thank you, Mikayla, for joining us today. It's been fun reminiscing about our caribou project and chatting about the ins and outs of user research. And I love a lot of the insights you brought today, so I hope everyone listening picked up some insights as well. So, thank you for joining us.

FORD: Well, thanks so much for having me. It was really nice to catch up and to chat about user research, which, as you know, is something that I feel like I could chat about all day.

APPELT: And thanks to everyone listening, for listening to Calling DIBS.
