

## Seems 'Lizabeth was 'not amused'

As I drove to work earlier this week, I listened to a news story on the radio that made me smile.

It seems Queen Elizabeth lowered the boom on her servants, forbidding them to carry cellular phones on their person while working with the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace.

I guess it's been a bit of a bee in the royal bonnet the last little while, and the final straw that got Liz's knickers in a knot occurred when one of her employees' phone rang while he was serving her the royal dinner.

Seems the idiot answered it too. (God forbid it didn't happen while he was dishing out some doggie kibble to one of the royal corgies.)

Anyway, in a present day order that approximated "Off with his head," Liz said, effective immediately, cell phones were now a no-no.

It could be said, she was not amused...

I can relate to her feelings, which is pretty good for a l'il old commoner like me.

Actually, if it were me who was interrupted by a cell phone ringing while one of my servants was serving dinner, I honestly think it would have been his final career limiting action while in my employ.

Apparently Liz let him off with a warning.

I have a cell phone— have had for years. And to be honest, in my line of work, I couldn't operate without it. But that cell phone is simply a tool, or convenience, and I'm quite careful to NOT disrupt the world around me with it.

Every day I see others who don't seem to grasp the importance of others' privacy.

One of my co-workers was aghast when she attended a funeral and a cell phone rang— right smack dab in the middle of the eulogy.

I could perhaps excuse one incident of a person's phone ringing as a simple mistake, figuring he probably forgot to turn it off.

It's embarrassing but forgivable.

But 10 minutes passed and it rang again.

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Sorry, but that constitutes stupidity.

Or perhaps more accurately, gross ignorance.

Apparently university professors are telling students that a cell phone ringing in a lecture is a sure way to decrease that final grade.

I marvel at the number of high school students who have a cell phone with them as they wander the halls at local schools, cell in hand.

How about at meetings? I recall being at a minor softball association meeting in Fergus years ago, and the president stopped the meeting three times to answer his cell phone. It was obvious the calls were from one of his kids.

After the third interruption, one of my colleagues at the table simply said, "My goodness Doug, you must be a very important person..."

He got the hint and turned it off.

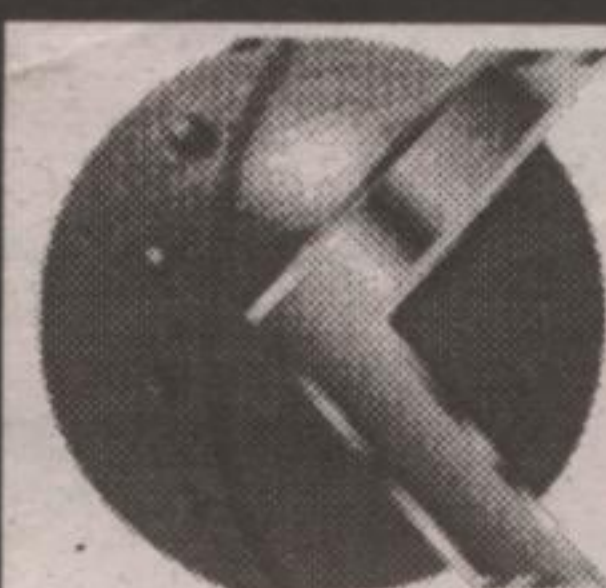
Personally, when I enter a meeting I turn off my phone, or at least turn off the ringer. My message service will look after the calls.

It's the same when driving. Not only are drivers who chat on their cell phones while flying down Hwy. 401 distracted—they're dangerous.

When I'm driving, I may answer the phone, but if I can't get the info in seconds, I'll have the party call me back, after I pull over.

Yup, I can relate to Liz and her ban on cell phones in the palace. I'm behind her all the way.

Now I just wonder where she stands on her servants wearing ball caps.



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### THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

#### NOTICE OF COMPLETION GEORGETOWN WATER PURIFICATION PLANT IMPROVEMENTS CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Regional Municipality of Halton proposes to install a filtration process at the Georgetown Water Purification Plant to address coloured water problems in the water distribution system. The addition of filtration at this site will involve the construction of a new building to house the filters and auxiliary equipment, including facilities to dispose of waste wash-water that would be produced during backwashing of the proposed filters.

This project has been carried out in accordance with Schedule 'B' of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects. Subject to comments received as a result of this notice, and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes to proceed with the design and construction of this project for completion by early 2002.

The project report is available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

**Region of Halton:** - Planning and Public Works Department and Regional Clerk  
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, L6M 3L1

**Town of Halton Hills:** - Town Clerk  
1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown

**Georgetown Public Library:** - Adult Non-Fiction Section  
9 Church Street, Georgetown

Interested persons should provide written comments to J. A. MacDonald, Special Studies Engineer, at the Regional Municipality of Halton by **December 13, 2000**. If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the Region, a person may request that the Minister of the Environment "bump up" this project to a Schedule 'C' Class EA or an Individual EA.

Requests to change the status of this project must be received by the Minister at the address below by **December 13, 2000** with a copy sent to the Regional Municipality of Halton Clerk. If, by **December 13, 2000**, there are no requests to "bump up" this project, the Regional Municipality of Halton will proceed with the project as outlined in the project report.

Hon. Dan Newman  
Minister of the Environment  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 15th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

This Notice issued November 10, 2000



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