

Canada's First Certified, Official "Quiet Beach"

Here in TBM, we are the custodians of a treasure, a singular oasis of calm.

But this treasure is fragile, both in geological terms, measured by its tens of thousands of trace fossils, and in the immediate, in respect of its relaxing aura, which can be cracked in a moment, by the humans who visit.

Delphi Point Beach offers us all a master-class on how to listen and feel. Delphi is a safe, enchanted corner of the modern world where one cannot stay angry, where dark moods disappear. Delphi Point Beach has the unique ability to sooth.

And there lies the reason for this submission; are you familiar with the concept of a “quiet car” on the railway?

The Quiet Car Concept, From Amtrak

- [https://www.amtrak.com/quiet-car#:~:text=Guests%20are%20asked%20to%20limit,be%20heard%20by%20other%20passengers\).](https://www.amtrak.com/quiet-car#:~:text=Guests%20are%20asked%20to%20limit,be%20heard%20by%20other%20passengers).)

“Guests are asked to limit conversation and speak in subdued tones. Phone calls are not allowed and all portable electronic devices must be muted or used with headphones (passengers using headphones must keep the volume low enough so that the audio cannot be heard by other passengers).”

I am asking the Council to consider **the recognition and formal declaration of Delphi Point Beach as Canada's first official "Quiet Beach"**, certifying and designating this sacred spot for all to bask in, and enjoy.

In practical terms, how could this be done?

There are in place, already, helpful by-laws to protect the unique rocks and trace fossils at Deplhi. Sadly, these notices are only minimally effective. Thus, I am asking for these by-laws to be both reinforced / enhanced through the following measures:

- No loud music, no use of electronic speakers (ear pods would be ok)
- Telephones should be kept on silent/vibrate
- Only subdued conversations, to allow beach-goers to listen to the rhythm and dynamics of Delphi – the white noise, the hush, the soft lapping against the rocks.
- No motorized vessels or vehicles (boats and jet skis) should be allowed to anchor at Delphi, Those passing by should remain a minimum of 500 meters offshore.
- Clean and simple signage should be posted, explaining the history of this special site – from geological times, through its role with humans since the receding of the Ice Age, as a prime caribou and game hunting spot, highlighting its significance for indigenous peoples, and indicating its uniqueness in our industrial and post-industrial times.
- Make a strong appeal for Delphi Point Beach to be maintained as clean, nothing but clean, in respect of all of our senses.

Council's action in this matter will serve as a benchmark and precedent for unique locales across Canada.... And would create Canada's first Certified Quiet Beach.

Delphi Point Beach truly is an immovable feast for all the senses. This treasure is worth preserving.

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