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Dear Area Residents:

Please be advised there have been sightings of coyotes in the urban area, primarily within the area bounded by:

- Victoria Street to the west
- Jocelyn Street to the north
- Cavan Street to the east
- Highland Drive to the south

In consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Animal Control and the Port Hope Police Services, residents are encouraged to take the following steps:

- Secure garbage and minimize attractants on your property
- Deterrents and fences can keep coyotes away from your home and gardens
- Use motion-sensitive lighting
- Use motion-activated sprinkler systems
- Close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds.
- Keep all pets on leashes or confined to a yard.

If you encounter a coyote, remember the following:

Never attempt to "tame" a coyote.

Never feed a coyote.

Do not turn your back on, or run from, a coyote.

Back away from the coyote while remaining calm.

Use whistles and personal alarm devices to frighten an approaching or threatening animal.

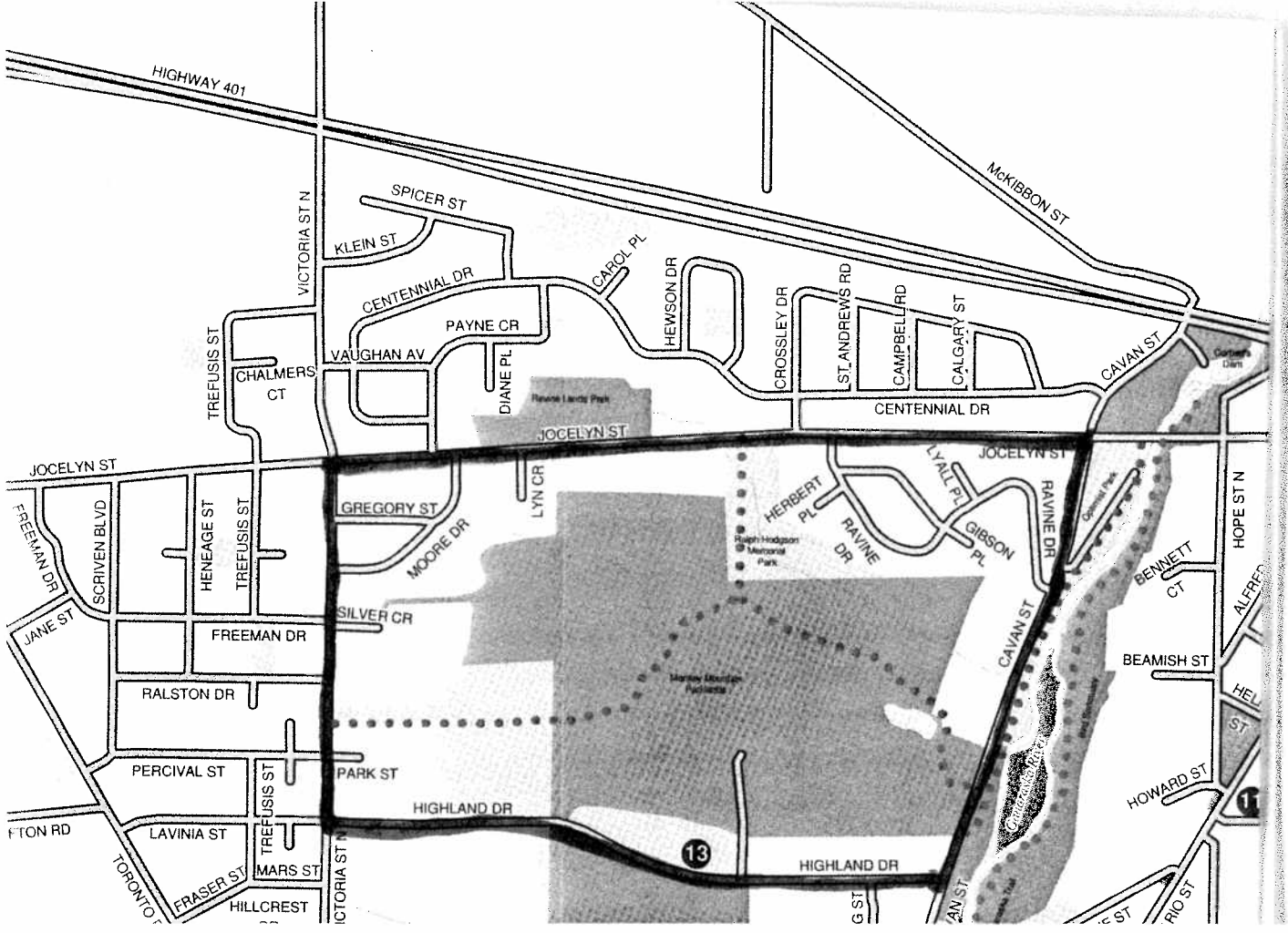
- When residents feel there is imminent danger to persons and property, residents are encouraged to contact the Port Hope Police Services call 911
- Residents may consult with Port Hope area trappers from a list provided by the MNR. Copy of the list is available at the Municipal Offices at 56 Queen Street.

For more information on coyote management best practices, residents are encouraged to consult the MNR web page at:

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/FW/2ColumnSubPage/271326.html>

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