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### Catching up on her reading

Nine-year-old Maria Kosir was one of many people who checked out the Friends of the Halton Hills Library's spring book sale Saturday at the Acton branch. The Georgetown branch sale will be held Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

## Black bear roaming rural Halton Hills

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Special to The IFP

A black bear was spotted in several rural north Halton locations by local residents this week.

The approximate 200-pound animal— which Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) officials are saying isn't considered a threat to humans— was sighted in Nassagaweya and also in Halton Hills around Third and Fourth lines.

The bear was reportedly seen by a motorist Monday night on Third Line near Dufferin Aggregates' Acton quarry.

An hour later, homeowners on Fourth Line in the Glen Lawson Road area saw it on their back porch eating birdseed and suet, said Halton Regional Police Det. Sgt. Peter Hodgson.

"Eventually he got tired of eating and left," he said.

Shortly after that, it was spotted crossing Glen Lawson Road heading toward the quarry.

While police didn't have an exact location in Nassagaweya where the bear was seen, *The Milton Canadian Champion* newspaper received a phone call Tuesday about a bear that was apparently sighted around Sixth Line and 15 Sideroad.

There have been a number of black bear sightings recently in the Guelph/Wellington County area.

But MNR Halton/Peel/Toronto area supervisor John Almond said he doesn't think it's the same bear that has been spotted in north Halton, noting the size descriptions are different.

While some people may be alarmed, Almond said it's not unusual for the odd bear to come around where people live. He also emphasized that black bears aren't aggressive.

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### WEDNESDAY...

The 31st annual Georgetown Highland Games will be held tomorrow at the Fairgrounds. Look for photos in Wednesday's edition.

## Residents raise concerns about proposed hydro plant

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Staff Writer

More than 100 area residents were at Pineview Public School Wednesday night to learn more about the hydro-generating station being proposed for the Hornby area.

The public meeting was hosted by TransCanada Energy Ltd., which hopes to build the natural gas-fuelled, combined cycle power plant on an 80-acre parcel of land located on the southwest corner of Sixth Line S. and Steeles Ave. in the Halton Hills 401-407 Gateway Business Park (401 Corridor).

The station is to have a generating capacity of

approximately 680 mega-watts.

Neil Myers, Director Power Development Engineering for TransCanada, said the footprint of the station would encompass approximately 25 acres of the site.

It is to include two industrial gas turbines, two heat recovery steam generators, a steam tur-

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