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What really scares you?

## Phobia Factor

A series

### Public speaking haunts many

BY LISA QUEEN  
 Staff Writer

The Richmond Hill man had been given the honour of saying grace before dinner at a family wedding.

But as panic threatened to consume him, the honour almost felt worse than a death sentence.

Perhaps that's not surprising, given fear of public speaking tops the list of people's terrors, or at least ranks in the top 10 depending on the study.

#### COMMON FEAR

Google.com offers up three surveys putting fear of public speaking first, second and sixth among the most common phobias of North Americans.

One found the dread of speaking in front of an audience outstrips all other fears including heights, bugs, financial problems and deep water.

In the second survey, only fear of snakes surpassed public speaking, which beat out claustrophobia, spiders and insects.

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## Spiderman unmasked



STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Jake Espey, 7, in his Spiderman pyjamas, imagines revving up an ATV at the ATC Corral display during Midnight Madness on Stouffville's Main Street Thursday night.

# HYDRO TOWER ROUTE PICKED

## Markham mayor threatens judicial review

BY ROY GREEN  
 Staff Writer

Hydro One says it has decided on the route of the giant transmission towers to increase power supplies to York Region and it runs from Markham through Aurora and into Newmarket.

But Markham Mayor Don Cousens says he has assurances from Hydro One that the decision has not been finalized.

At a public meeting in Newmarket Wednesday, Hydro One's director of system development announced the company was prepared to file the necessary paperwork for its preferred option for the 230-kilovolt line — the existing 24-kilometre, 115-kv line corridor now running from the Parkway transformer station in Markham to the Armitage station in Newmarket.

"We've considered all the options, we've heard from citizens and councils and (protest groups) and we're ready to make the recommendation for the Parkway solution," Carmen Marcello told an audience of about 100 people at Newmarket Theatre. "We're going to file the paperwork with the Environment Ministry."

But the Markham mayor said Thursday he had received assurances from the "highest levels" at Hydro One there has been no decision on the route.

"I'm satisfied they have not made that determination," Mr. Cousens said.

"They're looking more seriously at that route, narrowing it down, but they made it

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