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ROCK STAR!

Jeff Wardell, lead guitarist of the Christian rock band Megiddo, struts his stuff during a concert at the Acton Baptist Church on Saturday night. The 18-year-old also sings in the four-person band. (Lori Frechette photo)

Town to benefit from 'Y' sale

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK The Acton Tanner

All money from the impending sale of the YMCA building on Mill Street will be earmarked for "Y" programs and facilities in Acton.

That assurance was given to Town Council on Monday night by YMCA regional spokesman Tom Horlor.

do whatever would make Council comfortable," Horlor said.

"We've agreed that the proceeds from the sale will be used in Acton to upgrade and enhance YMCA programs and would be glad to add that rider to any sale document."

Horlor was at Council to formally waive any claim to the 70year-old "Y" building that could be sold within weeks to an as-yet unnamed purchaser.

In the early 1930s James A. Murray gave the Village of Acton \$20,000 to build a Young Men's Labour fund Christian Association building.

In the mid-1970s the building needed a lot of repairs and the the building, the YMCA or the in OHH question of who actually owned municipality, became an issue.

The Town ended up giving the deed to the "Y" which used the building until it had no further use for it and leased it to the Town and the police. It was closed in 1992.

Horlor said he does not know who is buying the building or what it will be used for but that there's always been the "intention" that the building's facade would be saved.

"As a traditionalist you could say that is it kind of sad that a building would close, but a building is just a program tool — a place for you to allow things to happen," Horlor said following the meeting.

"I understand that the building

"Basically we are prepared to needs a lot of work but that the front is in good shape and the intent is to save it."

> Councillor Gerald Rennie said although the building does not have a historical designation it does have a significant background.

> "It's been there since the '20s and people recognize it as part of the street — it's a landmark and has an attractive appearance.

"It's cherished because of both the length of time it has been there and what went on there."

invests \$2M

BY PAUL NOLAN The Acton Tanner

Acton's olde Hide House has one more foot on solid ground after last week's \$2 million investment by Working Ventures Canadian Fund Inc.

The Toronto-based Working Ventures is a labour-sponsored investment fund corporation sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Labour.

According to a prepared press release issued last Wednesday, Working Ventures "invests in small and medium-sized Canadian businesses with the objective of achieving long-term capital ap-

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