

# Hand of God sculpture comes closer to Metro

The 25-year-old dream of former Metro Chairman Albert Campbell to bring the sculpture The Hand of God to Canada moved closer to reality yesterday.

Scarborough Board of Control approved the plan by a group of Scarborough businessmen to organize a

public campaign to cover the cost.

H. Spencer Clark, president of Guild Inn Limited, and one of six businessmen pledged to support the project, said it would cost about \$90,000 to have the sculpture cast, shipped to Scarborough and mounted

on a 30-foot-high base on Albert Campbell Square.

The sculpture depicts a huge hand bent backwards. Balanced between the thumb and forefinger is the figure of a man.

The original sculpture is displayed in Milles Gardens in Stockholm along with other works of Carl Milles, the Swedish sculptor who died in 1953.

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On a visit to Stockholm in 1958, Campbell and his wife, Helen, saw the sculpture which Campbell said made the greatest impression on him of any work of art he had ever seen, Clark said.

"In describing it and before knowing the title," Clark said, "Mrs. Campbell exclaimed, 'It looks like the hand of God.' Later they found that, indeed, was the title."

Campbell hoped that some day a reproduction of the work might occupy a prominent public place in Canada.

"When the great new civic centre was being planned for Scarborough," Clark said, "his thinking was focussed there."

Controller Gus Harris described the idea as "great."

"I don't want a big heap of iron like the Moore Sculpture in Nathan Phillips Square," he said. "I like something I can understand. I can understand a hand and a man standing on it."



THE ORIGINAL HAND

About \$100,000 needs to be raised