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Futuristic sculptures will greet visitors to a pair of new condos at Yonge and Eglinton

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The Yonge and Eglinton area is set to beam into the future with the anticipated installation of science fiction-themed public art to go along with two new condo developments.

The \$1.5 million “Stargate” installation will become a permanent fixture in the area, with large sculptures slated to go outside planned condo towers at 150 and 155 Redpath Ave.

Commissioned by developers Capital Developments and Freed, and conceived by artists Anna Passakas and Radoslaw Kudlinski of Blue Republic, Stargate will feature two- and three-dimensional sculptures up to 15 feet in height, all in eye-popping colours.

“One side of the street will have one large sculpture – we call it ‘the head with six legs’ – towering over smaller characters that are 2D and not fully formed,” Passakas said.

“The other side of the street, the public art site will be smaller, with a large character and a couple of smaller ones.”

The larger pieces will be crafted of bronze and the smaller two-dimensional characters will be made of painted sheet aluminum, and their slim shape is meant to convey that they are beaming in from another dimension. Glass and ceramic printed panels behind the sculptures will depict the “Stargate” through which they are arriving.

“We thought of the kind of people who might move into these buildings and what might inspire them or make them feel like where they live is unique,” Passakas said. “It’s a bold design and it’s very colourful. There isn’t much art of this type in the city.”

The sculptures will be set back from the sidewalk, so as not to impede pedestrians in the area.

Matt Young, vice president of Capital Developments, said the Stargate concept was selected from a number of entries, adding the selection panel was unanimous in picking Passakas and Kudlinski’s design.



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