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## **ONWARDS AND UPWARDS**

## Duo Condos will be key part of plans to revitalize Uptown Brampton

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At the moment, it may not be anything more than a vacant lot located on the southwest corner of Malta Ave. and Steeles Ave. W. in Brampton, but that isn't stopping National Homes and Brixen Developments from having big plans for a 2.6-acre,

two-tower condo community to be built on the site.

The two partners intend to make a statement — it will be seen as "a striking gateway" when entering Brampton from the west side — where drivers and pedestrians cannot help but take notice of the two towers' modern and imposing black metal and glass design.

But it's more than just about a warm streetscape experience, its builders say, Duo Condos should also help with the area's revitalization plan — an integral part of the City of Brampton's plan to make the Uptown area of Brampton a "15-minute neighbourhood" where residents can work, live and play and public transit is located nearby.

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Complementing the City of Brampton's growth plan for the area, Duo Condos will have a central brick-paved courtyard that will serve as the heart of the development as well as provide a thoroughfare to Steeles Ave.



Jason Pantalone of National Homes and Alexander D'Orazio of Brixen Developments at the future site of

The outdoor space plus 3,500 square feet of retail has been created for residents and the wider community to walk, cycle, or simply sit and enjoy the courtyard area.

Alexander D'Orazio, a principal with Brixen Development Inc. says the courtyard idea "was inspired by European piazzas where people can go get a coffee or have a bite to eat, or visit their favourite shop or socialize with other residents."

"One of the greatest things about this property is the plan for Steeles Ave.," he adds, as the condo will be located at the nucleus of an extensive network of trails, green spaces, transit, highways and schools, including Sheridan College.

Also, the Brampton Gateway LRT—slated for completion in fall 2024 and connecting residents to Mississauga with 19 stops on the way to Port Credit GO Station—will be a short walk away.

D'Orazio says the condo was designed with "all kinds of buyers in mind ... downsizers, empty nesters, young professionals who want to take LRT to work, a student going to school at Sheridan College."

Jason Pantalone, president and managing partner, National Homes. says another "key point is the affordability factor in terms of providing an additional type of housing in Brampton that really isn't in the market today, given the higher prices of single-family homes and townhouse developments."

Pantalone says the builder also consulted multiple focus groups to find out what which amenities would be most suitable for future residents and "got great feedback from the community."

Amenities include a dining and social room, featuring full kitchen and bar, a daycare, a co-working space and an expansive fitness studio with cardio yoga, pilates and spinning sections, plus adjoining kids' play area.

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The first tower at Duo Condos will be 26 storeys and have 350 suites including studio, one-bedroom, one-bedroom plus flex space, two-bedrooms and two bedrooms plus den. Prices start from the \$400,000s. Visit www.duocondos.ca.