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The Windsor Hotel

This hotel at the corner of King William and John Street was one of the city's oldest hotels, it was formerly known as the Astor before World War Two.

31 John Street North is a brick commercial corner building constructed in the mid-to-late-19th century consisting of multiple addresses on John and King William Streets, including 31 and 33 John Street North and 61, 65 and 67 King William Street. Prior to 1890, the building addresses were 23-25 John Street North and 52-54 King William Street.



The hotel at the corner of King William and John Streets in 1976.



Another view of the Windsor Hotel from a rooftop in 1973.

31 John Street North housed Martin Brothers pork packing in the mid-to-late-19th century before being converted into a hotel in the 1890s. The Arlington Hotel occupied the building until the late 1900s, followed by Hotel Traders in the 1910s. The building, which became known as the Traders Building, briefly served a commercial purpose in the 1920s, housing the Wentworth Auto Supply House and Campbell & Barry printers. The Traders Building was converted back to a hotel in the mid-20th century, housing the Windsor Hotel until the late-20th century. The Windsor Hotel became the Windsor Bar & Grill in the early-21st century and was subsequently occupied by a variety of bars and nightclubs.

59 King William Street was constructed in 1929 as a fire signal station and office. The building was later converted into a restaurant in the 1970s, housed billiards in the 1980s and sat vacant in the early-21st century.



The building, pictured here in 2009, has sat vacant for many years. It is currently undergoing restorations.