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19 John Street South is a four-storey brick building constructed in the late-19th century and was remodelled in the early-to-mid-20th century. The building, formerly comprised of 19 to 25 John Street South, has a rectangular plan with a flat roof, a four-storey rear brick wing constructed circa 1910, and steel beams and columns, which were added in the 20th-century.

The front façade is clad with buff-coloured brick and was composed of five bays of flat windows with continuous shared sills in each storey. The first storey formerly consisted of three commercial units to the south with a passageway in the first storey of the northern end. The units were renovated in the early-to-mid-20th century to have a unified façade. The building had three commercial units in the ground floor throughout the 20th century and housed a bowling alley in the upper storeys including the Connaught Bowling & Recreation Club in the 1920s and the Midtown Bowling Alleys throughout the mid-to-late-20th century. It's more recently been referred to as the Royal Brick Works project after it was purchased by local developers but construction has been halted since 2016.



A view of what the building looked like in 1945 with ground floor retail shops.



View of the building around 2012 before current construction began.