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Background

- Joint Toronto - Ontario Task Force -September, 2004
- AMO, MMAH sector consultation on municipal legislation reform - June, 2005
- Toronto Computer Leasing Inquiry
- First Reading Bill 53 - December 14, 2005
- Second Reading debate -February, 2006

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General Powers

- Democratically elected government which is responsible and accountable
- Emphasis on broad general powers
- Enhanced authority to delegate
- Subject to provincial regulations, and expanded conflict provision

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Council Governance

- Expanded powers to establish city boards and corporations and to assign functions to them
- Accountability and transparency:
  - Integrity Commissioner
  - Lobbyist Registration
  - Ombudsman
  - Auditor General
- Requirement to adopt policies
  - Sale / disposition of land
  - Hiring
  - Procurement
  - Public notice
  - Accountability to the public
  - Rights of persons affected
  - Delegation of powers and duties
  - Financing of Capital Works

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Financial Administration and New Revenues

- Fewer restrictions on natural person powers
- Clarification and streamlining
- Subject to provincial regulations
- New power to impose taxes

No	Yes
Income, Wealth, Sales, Hotels, Energy consumption, Gas, Poll, Natural resources, Use of the highway	Alcohol, Entertainment, Tobacco

- Traditional property taxes
  - Write off without tax sale
  - Area rates, subject to regulations

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Next Steps

- Consultation on Bill 53 ongoing participation through AMO, MFO, MLDAO
- Consultation with MMAH on drafting of New Municipal Act
- Fall 2006 bill introduced in Legislative Assembly?
- January, 2007 New Municipal Act?

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