



Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Incentives: A Canadian overview

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Below is a listing of financial incentives offered by the federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada for the acquisition of private and commercial vehicles operating with some form of electric drive. This list does not include supply-side incentives such as norms, standards, regulations, and legislation aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, nor does it include support programs to industry or direct government purchases of electric-drive vehicles.

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FEDERAL	<p>ecoFREIGHT Technology Incentives Program: Provides cost shared funding to companies and not-for-profit organizations to support the purchase and installation of proven technologies throughout the freight transportation system that can reduce the emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Covers 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$500,000 over two years o A minimum threshold of \$25,000 federal contribution 	<p>http://www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/ecofreight/programincentive-eng.htm</p>	<p>613-991-1196 or ecofreight-ecomarchandises@tc.gc.ca</p>	<p>*Rounds 1 and 2 complete; waiting to hear if there will be a Round 3. No decisions have been made about subsequent rounds of funding. Information about the timing for a future round will be posted on the</p>

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	is required for a project to be eligible.			Transport Canada website: http://www.tc.gc.ca
Alberta	Green Trip Incentives Program: A \$2-billion fund to propel energy-saving public transit in Alberta. The program is open to all municipalities, regional entities, non-profit organizations, and private sector group, and it can fund, among other things, the purchase of hybrid transit vehicles.	http://alberta.ca/acn/200807/23960039FB54D-CC21-7234-31C3E853089A1E6C.html	Kim Capstick, Environment Communications: 780-427-6267	July 2008
British Columbia	LiveSmart BC: A \$60-million program providing a wide range of rebates, tax exemptions and other incentives to reduce GHGs and save people money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 100% PST reduction, up to a maximum of \$2,000, on the purchase of hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) o PST exemption for electric vehicle exemption kits o 50% PST reduction, up to a maximum of \$1,000, on the purchase of electric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.livesmartbc.ca/transportation/t_rebates.html • http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/documents_library/bulletins/sst_085.pdf 	Ramona Wymenga: ramona.wymenga@gov.bc.ca or 250-387-9932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 16, 2005 • As of Feb. 20, 2008 for motorcycles • As of Feb. 22, 2005 for bus conversions

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	<p>motorcycles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 50% PST reduction, up to a maximum of \$5,000 on purchase of alternative fuel shuttle buses (14-29 passengers) and \$10,000 on purchase of alternative fuel and hydrogen fuel-cell passenger buses (30+ passengers) o PST rate reduction on purchase of a HEV with a purchase price of greater than \$49,000 o 50% PST reduction on parts and labour for conversion to hybrid electric drive of shuttle buses (up to a maximum of \$5,000) or passenger buses (up to a maximum of \$10,000) 			
	<p>BC Scrap-It Program: Works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality by getting older vehicles off the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Incentives varying from \$750 to \$2,250 toward, among other things, the 	<p>http://www.scrapit.ca/index.htm</p>	<p>applications@scrapit.ca</p>	

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	purchase of a very low emissions vehicle			
British Columbia	Innovative Clean Energy Fund: To solve some of B.C.'s pressing energy challenges, protect its environment, help grow the economy, position the province as the place international customers turn to for key energy and environmental solutions, and assist B.C.-based companies to showcase their products to worldwide markets.	http://www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca/bcep/default.aspx?hash=6	David Reynolds: 519-766-1395 or dreynolds@inacservices.com	Next deadline: January 29, 2010
Manitoba	Manitoba Hybrid Electric Vehicle Rebate: \$2,000 rebate on lease or purchase of a HEV	http://www.gov.mb.ca/stem/climate/mb_doing/hybrid/eligibility.html	204-945-7382 or ccinfo@gov.mb.ca	2006
New Brunswick	No incentives available at this time	Michelle.Daigle@gnb.ca	Michelle Daigle Director, Environmental and Local Government Initiatives Branch Department of Environment Tel: (506) 457- 7511 Michelle.Daigle@gnb.ca	
Newfoundland	No incentives available at this time			

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and Labrador				
Northwest Territories	No incentives available at this time			
Nova Scotia	Action 22 of Nova Scotia's Climate Change Action Plan calls for an incentives program to be developed in 2009; according to a government spokesperson, the program should be finalized by the end summer 2009.		Jonah S. Bernstein: bernstjs@gov.ns.ca	
Nunavut	No incentives available at this time			
Ontario	A Plan For Ontario: 1 in 20 by 2020: Rebates ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000 for PHEVs and BEVs purchased after July 1, 2010, depending on battery capacity. PHEV and BEV drivers will also receive green licence plates allowing them to use High-Occupancy Vehicle lanes even without passengers, as well as to access public charging facilities at select Ontario government and GO Transit parking lots.	http://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2009/07/a-plan-for-ontario-1-in-20-by-2020.html	Bob Nichols: 416-327-1158	July 1, 2010
	Green Commercial Vehicle Project: Four-year, \$15-million program to help Ontario businesses do their part to fight climate change. Up to one third of the	http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/programs/grants-trucks/index.shtml	416-585-7285 or 1-866-767-0638 or gcvp@ontario.ca	August 2007

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	<p>purchase price of a HEV could be reimbursed.</p> <p>RST rebate for vehicles powered by alternative fuels: rebate of 8% RST on purchase or lease of—among others—HEVs or on the conversion of vehicles to hybrid electric drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$1,000 for HEVs delivered between May 9, 2001 and March 23, 2006 o \$2,000 for HEVs delivered between March 24, 2006 and March 31, 2012 	<p>http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/refund/vpaf/</p>	<p>1-866-ONT-TAXS (1-866-668-8297)</p>	<p>May 9, 2001</p>
<p>Prince Edward Island</p>	<p>Provincial Hybrid Tax Incentive: Encourages Islanders to purchase more fuel-efficient vehicles through a tax incentive of up to \$3,000 on the purchase or lease of a HEV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A \$2,000 additional incentive is offered to taxi drivers for the purchase or lease of a HEV 	<p>http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/env_globalstr.pdf</p>	<p>Kathy Toole, Tax Admin Supervisor: 1-902-569-7542 or katoole@gov.pe.ca</p>	<p>March 30, 2004</p>
<p>Quebec</p>	<p>Refundable income tax credit: Tax credit that varies according to the year of acquisition of the vehicle and the vehicle's fuel</p>	<p>http://www.revenu.gouv.qc.ca/eng/ministere/centre_information/nf/nf2009/in-136_84/societe_vehicule_n</p>	<p>418-528-9323 or info@finances.gouv.qc.ca</p>	<p>December 31, 2008</p>

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	<p>consumption. The maximum credit for HEVs currently on the market is \$2,000, while owners of low-speed all-electric vehicles are eligible for a credit of up to \$4,000. The program is open to individuals and corporations.</p>	<p>euf_eco.asp</p>		
	<p>Programme d'aide gouvernementale à l'amélioration de l'efficacité énergétique dans le transport routier des personnes (Government aid program to improve the energy efficiency of the transportation of persons by road): Three categories of subsidies, of which two are relevant here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provincial sales tax rebate of up to \$2,000 on the purchase or lease of a HEV or all-electric vehicle by taxi drivers or car sharing services o Provincial sales tax rebate of up to 50% of the difference between the sale price of a conventional bus and that 	<p>http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/portal/page/portal/ministere/ministere/programmes_aide/effi_energ_transp_routi_person</p>	<p>Transports Québec's regional offices, whose contact information is available at: http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/portal/page/portal/accueil_en/joindre</p>	<p>January 1, 2007</p>

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	of a hybrid or electric bus (up to maximum of \$500,000) on the purchase of one of the latter			
Saskatchewan	Green Rebate program: part of the provincial government's "Go Green" plan, designed to encourage Saskatchewan residents to be more environmentally friendly at home, at work and on the road. Rebate of 20% on annual insurance premiums and registration fees paid for hybrid vehicles model year 2006 and newer. The program is open to individuals and corporations.	http://www.sgi.sk.ca/rates/green_rebate_program.html	1-800-667-8015 or sgiinquiries@sgi.sk.ca	January 1, 2008
Yukon	No incentives available at this time			