



E-Bike Incentives, Rebates, and Funding Opportunities

Federal and Provincial Initiatives for the E-Bike

The rising popularity of electric bicycles (e-bikes) is a testament to their cost-effectiveness and the increasing accessibility provided in part by rebate programs. With prices ranging from \$1,000 on the low end to over \$10,000 on the high end, e-bikes present a versatile alternative to traditional transportation methods for a wide range of Canadians.

Provincial and municipal rebate programs enhance their affordability, encouraging more Canadians to consider e-bikes for their commuting and recreational needs. This shift towards e-bike adoption is crucial for advancing net-zero goals, as it aligns with broader efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable transportation solutions by the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial collaborators.

The support for e-bikes through funding opportunities not only makes them more attainable for a wider demographic but also underscores Canada's commitment to fostering environmentally friendly modes of transportation. This fact sheet provides an introduction to funding currently available. We encourage you to do your own research as rebates and incentives can vary significantly over time.

Provincial E-Bike Incentives/ Rebates

Alberta

Banff Residential E-Bike Rebate: \$500 to \$1,000 off the purchase of a new e-bike. E-bikes with a pre-tax purchase price over \$5,000 are not eligible. Exceptions may be granted to residents with special needs. A \$40/tire rebate for studded bike tires or \$40/bike conversion kit is also available during winter months (October - March).

Scrap-It: \$500 from SCRAP-IT when you purchase your new e-bike (minimum retail price of \$1,000) from a participating e-bike retailer. Additional rebates vary from cash payments to transit pass rebates and car share credits when removing an internal combustion vehicle from the roadways.

SCRAP-IT is a not-for-profit independent society which relies on private funding, grants and contributions from a variety of sources, their own treasury, as well as program partners in order to offer rebates to customers. The first program of its kind in Canada, SCRAP-IT was modelled after similar programs in the USA. An air-emissions reduction program, it was designed to take older, high-polluting vehicles off the road with a mission to improve the quality of the environment. By partnering with businesses, community leaders and governments they create clean places to live for current and future generations.



British Columbia

BC Electric Bike Rebate Program: Up to \$1,400 rebate based on income for the purchase of an e-bike. The e-bike needs to be purchased from a participating e-bike retailer, applicants must be 19 years of age or older, and there is a minimum purchase price of \$2,000 before taxes. This program supports the Province's CleanBC goals by encouraging a mode shift towards active transportation and public transit.

TRU Employee E-Bike Discount: The Thompson River University Employee E-Bike Purchase program allows employees to apply for an incentive of 10% off the purchase value of an e-bike, up to \$300 total. To assist in the purchase of higher-value bikes, employees that have permanent, full-time status may apply for financing with up to a two-year repayment period (minimum of \$500 purchase price and maximum of \$5,000), and employees on a contract term with TRU may apply for financing up to the end of their contract term.



Nelson E-Bike Program: Up to \$8,000 loan per household which can support the purchase of more than one e-bike. Participants can choose an amortization period of two or five years, with an interest rate of 3.5% (subject to change each year). The e-bike program provides low-interest financing for Nelson homeowners who would like to purchase a commuter bike including e-bikes, do-it-yourself conversion kits, and accessories that are related to safety and commuting (does not include clothing).

Clean BC: \$1,700 off the purchase of a new cargo e-bike for businesses and organisations. The CleanBC Go Electric Rebates Program is intended to encourage and accelerate the adoption of zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) in British Columbia for both their environmental and economic benefits. The Program supports the adoption of ZEVs in a variety of applications including motorcycles, low-speed vehicles, electric cargo bicycles, utility vehicles, and a variety of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.

BC Provincial Sales Tax E-Bike Discount: PST waiver for qualifying bicycles/e-bikes, tricycles/e-trikes and electric-assist cargo bikes. Includes attachments, parts and service.

Northwest Territories

Arctic Energy Alliance (AEA): The AEA provides rebates to reduce the cost of purchasing and using several types of electric vehicles (EVs) in the Northwest Territories, including passenger EVs, e-bikes and tricycles (50% off purchase cost up to \$750) and on-the-land EVs (e.g., snowmobiles, ATVs and boat motors).

Nova Scotia

Electrify Nova Scotia: \$500 point-of-sale discount. The e-bike must be purchased new from a retailer with a physical storefront in Nova Scotia (this includes both independent retailers as well as local outlets of chain stores). E-bikes ordered directly from e-bike makers are not eligible. Used e-bikes and new e-bikes ordered from third-party online retailers such as Amazon and Alibaba.com,



directly from e-bike makers, or from individual private sellers are not eligible for a rebate.

Prince Edward Island

PEI E-Bike Incentive: The Government of Prince Edward Island is offering eligible Islanders and organisations a \$500 rebate for those who purchase an e-Bike (Power Assisted Bicycle). The purpose of the program is to encourage greater adoption of active transportation (e.g., walking, running, cycling) options among Islanders. E-Bikes are a cleaner and more efficient mode of transportation when compared to single passenger vehicles.

Quebec

Quebec Government: The maximum amount of the government rebate to purchase or lease an eligible new electric vehicle under the program varies according to the type of vehicle. The Government of Quebec will provide up to \$2,000 for electric motorcycle and \$500 for an electric scooter.

Yukon

Clean-energy rebates: Rebate of 25% of the cost of a new electric bicycle up to a maximum of \$750 and 25% of the cost of a new electric cargo bicycle up to a maximum \$1,500. Rebate calculated on the cost of the bicycle only and excludes costs such as accessories, shipping and assembly.

Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nunavut, Newfoundland and Labrador

No provincial or municipal rebates found.

“Currently, not every province offers rebates, including Ontario which is the most populated province in Canada. If the mandate is to lower carbon emissions, provincial and federal rebates are ‘the low hanging fruit’ to help move that mandate forward in the transportation sector.”

Michael Pasquali, Exhibit & Projects Coordinator,
Canadian Electric Bicycle Association

Federal Initiatives

There are currently no federal government rebates for the purchase of new e-bikes in Canada. However, federal initiatives in other areas, such as infrastructure development and health care funding, indirectly support the adoption and usage of battery-powered micro-mobility (BPMM) devices. While the BPMM industry is growing, many federal initiatives support a range of alternative transportation methods including active transportation and zero-emission vehicles.

Active Transportation Fund

The Government of Canada's [Active Transportation Fund \(ATF\)](#) allocates \$400 million over five years for active transportation infrastructure, including pathways, bike lanes, and trails. This fund is accessible to a variety of entities, including municipal, regional, provincial governments, and Indigenous bodies.

Natural Resources Canada

While not directly related to BPMM, NRCan's [Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program \(ZEVIP\)](#) does provide funding towards the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) chargers and hydrogen refuelling stations across Canada.

In addition, NRCan's reoccurring [Zero-Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative](#) provides funding for projects that aim to increase awareness of, knowledge of, and public confidence in light duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), including micro-mobility, cars, trucks and SUVs, and public charging and refuelling infrastructure.

Medtech Funding

While not directly tied to BPMM, there is significant interest in medical technology (medtech) in Canada, especially in the health care and life sciences sectors. [Medtech Canada](#) offers companies seed funding, venture capital, or non-dilutive funding such as grants and government funding programs. Such funding can help support innovation in the clean transportation sector, including BPMM.



E-Bike/E-Scooter Rental Services

For those who cannot afford BPMM devices, even with rebates factored into the pricing, or those living in jurisdictions where rebates are unavailable, consider renting. Some cities, including Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, and maybe even your own town or city, are serviced by companies such as Bixi, Mobi, Bird Canada, Lime and Neuron among others that provide fleets of rental e-bikes for use by the public.

E-bike/e-scooter rental services are increasing in popularity as a mobility option that offers users a convenient, eco-friendly and affordable solution to urban travel. Typically, users pay a monthly or annual membership fee and/or a small charge per minute, easily accomplished by using a mobile phone and a downloaded app. Some of Canada's largest companies are listed below:

Bixi - <https://bixi.com/en/ebike>

Bike Share Toronto - <https://bikesharetoronto.com>

Mobi - <https://www.mobibikes.ca/en/e-bike>

Bird Canada - <https://birdcanada.ca/locations/>

Lime - <https://www.li.me/en-ca/locations>

Neuron - <https://www.rideneuron.com/canada/>

Spin - <https://www.spin.app/city/kelowna>

Evolve - <https://www.evo.ca/evolve>



Additional Resources

A Zero-Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative by the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care supported by Natural Resources Canada, focuses on BPMM solutions in the health sector.

<https://greenhealthcare.ca/micro-mobility/>

[Electric Autonomy Canada](#) provides news as well as detailed insights on the e-bike market and the available incentives in Canada.

[Ride Review](#) offers an online guide to various e-bike rebate programs in Canada.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the links and content above. Use caution when making any purchase and confirm the accuracy of any/all funding opportunities directly with the funding agency before making any commitment.

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