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Incentives en route to scrap gas guzzlers

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Canadians can soon expect a series of incentives or cash for scrapping old gas guzzlers manufactured before 1996, Environment Minister John Baird announced yesterday.

Baird said a long-awaited scrappage program would be operational by January 2009 and managed by the non-profit Clean Air Foundation from coast to coast. The government will invest \$92 million over four years in the program that will offer consumers a range of incentives, including public transit passes, bicycles, rebates on new cars, memberships in a car-sharing program or \$300 cash.

The scrappage program was first announced in Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's budget last year.

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