

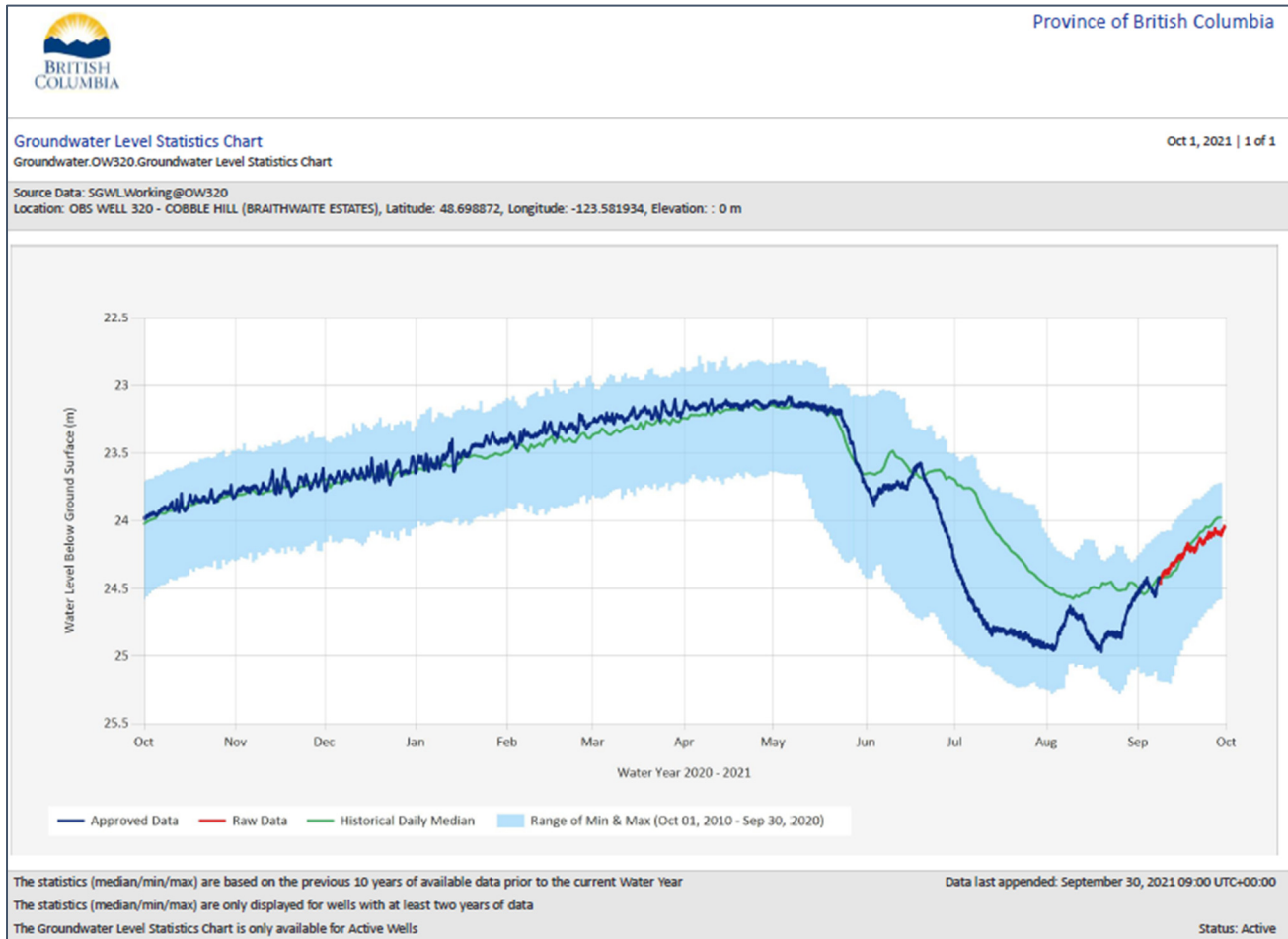
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This newsletter is to update you on our aquifer level.

Although our aquifer has had gradual seasonal lows in the past that have dipped a bit lower than this year's low, we have not experienced the sudden drop in the aquifer level that we saw charted this summer. However, we are pleased to note that now cooler weather is here, and some rain has fallen, our aquifer has rebounded well. See the chart below.



While our portion of aquifer 197 is not giving us major concerns, this year's sudden drop is something we need to be mindful of. Aquifer 197 extends from Cowichan Bay to Hutchinson Road and we should always remember that people in surrounding areas of our deep section of this shared aquifer are not as lucky as we are. Some homeowners in those areas outside of our district have had to drill their wells deeper, and some have had to truck in water for domestic use. Out of respect for our precious water resources and others who use the water in aquifer 197, we need to be mindful of our own water use.

Thank you to those residents who let their lawns go dormant over the summer. And, to those of you who responded to the recent newsletters regarding the sudden drop in water levels and changed their watering habits, your efforts to conserve water are appreciated. A special thanks to those of you who responded to the newsletter with comments and questions. We always appreciate receiving comments and concerns from our neighbours.

We consider our water to be amongst the best in the world and appreciate all your efforts to conserve it so that we can all enjoy it for many years to come.

Sincerely, Board of Trustees, Braithwaite Estates Improvement District