



## **Civil Marriage Ceremony Option 3**

### **Municipal Clerk:**

We are gathered at this place to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this man and this woman, under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage. This couple has demonstrated their devotion to each other over the years and today are formally recognizing this union by marriage.

Both of you understand that marriage is not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted. Therefore, if there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

(First Name) and (First Name) you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage and no one has shown any valid reason why you may not. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are now to declare it.

### **Municipal Clerk to the first person:**

Please repeat after me.

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (First and Last Name).

### **Municipal Clerk to the second person:**

Please repeat after me.

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (First and Last Name).

### **Municipal Clerk**

Who is it that gives this person in marriage?

**Municipal Clerk to the first person:**

Please repeat after me. “I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (First and Last Name) do take you (First and Last Name) to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse, or partner)”.

**Municipal Clerk to the second person:**

Please repeat after me. “I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (First and Last Name) do take you (First and Last Name) to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse, or partner)”.

**Municipal Clerk to the first person:**

Please place the ring on the second finger of (First Name)’s left hand and repeat after me: “This ring, I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us”.

**Municipal Clerk to the second person:**

Please place the ring on the second finger of (First Name)’s left hand and repeat after me: “This ring, I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us”.

**Municipal Clerk:**

As you enter upon your marriage, consider that the honour of the nation and its people is based upon the quality of its homes, and the future of the nation is in the hands of the issue of each home.

Let your home be as a haven of peace in the midst of a busy and businesslike world; let your relationship be one of complete truth and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and consider that as the world gives nothing freely, neither will your marriage yield you more than you give into it.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes, and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.

**Municipal Clerk:**

I (**Officiant Name**) by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce (**First Name**) and (**First Name**) to be married.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.