



## Civil Marriage Ceremony Option 2

### **Municipal Clerk:**

On behalf of (First Name) and (First Name) welcome and thank you for being here on this special day. By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other, and you support their decision to commit themselves to one another for the rest of their lives. This afternoon we are here to celebrate love. We come together to witness and proclaim the joining together of these two persons in marriage.

This is an important and joyous occasion for (First Name) and (First Name) who will today make a commitment to each other, before witnesses, to pledge themselves, by mutual consent, to a union in friendship and life which is one of the most sacred of all human ties.

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.

### **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:**

Would you please face each other and repeat after me:

“From this day forward let us laugh together and plan together, find our favourite places and go together. Let us enjoy the sunshine and the rain, being alone together and in crowds together. From this day forward, together let us love.”

**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). To laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live."

**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). To laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live."

**Municipal Clerk to the first person:**

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together. Please place this ring on the second finger of (First Name)'s left hand saying after me:

"This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

**Municipal Clerk to the second person:**

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together. Please place this ring on the second finger of (First Name)'s left hand saying after me:

"This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

**Municipal Clerk:**

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which may grow more meaningful with each passing day.

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

May that rich blessing which rest upon all who love be always with this couple as they continue together in a shared life; may the vows they have made here today become increasingly a source of joy; and the love that has been pledged, may it grow day by day.

I wish you a long life, happiness, and prosperity; and may the vows you made to each other today, sustain you forever.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.