Scripts for Civil Marriage Ceremonies at City Hall

CEREMONY #1

Marriage Officiant: We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining of ________ and _________ in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Manitoba.

Turn to 1st 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 _________.”

Turn to 2nd 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 _________.”

Declaration of Intent and Vows
Please face each other to repeat your vows.

Turn to 1st person:
Please repeat after me. “I call upon these persons here present /to witness that I, __________, /do take you, __________, /to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse, partner).”

Turn to 2nd person:
Please repeat after me. “I call upon these persons here present /to witness that I, __________, /do take you, __________, /to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse, partner).”

Exchange of Rings
Turn to 1st person:
Please place the ring on the 3rd finger of ____’s left hand.
Please repeat after me. “With this ring, I thee wed. /I shall love, honour and cherish thee, /and this ring is the symbol of my love.”

Turn to 2nd person:
Please place the ring on the 3rd finger of ____’s left hand.
Please repeat after me. “With this ring, I thee wed. /I shall love, honour and cherish thee, /and this ring is the symbol of my love.”

Signing of the Register
At this time, the wedded parties and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Registration.

Pronouncement
I, __ (Marriage Officiant’s name), by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, and the Province of Manitoba, do hereby pronounce you, _________ and ____________, to be married.

I wish you 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.