



Scripts for Civil Marriage Ceremonies at City Hall

CEREMONY #2

Marriage Officiant: This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of others.

Marriage is not a single event, but rather a developing process which is not to be undertaken recklessly or irresponsibly, but rather maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two persons, the result of which is the formation of a family whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and in bad. It is the relationship these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

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

These rings are a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together.

Turn to 1st person:

Please place the ring on the 3rd finger of ____’s left hand and 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 and 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.

May you enjoy the fulfillment of hopes and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the promises you have made to one another. 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.