

Civil Marriage Ceremony: Script Option 3

Bold means the words spoken by the municipal representative.

Person No. 1

Person No. 2

We are gathered together to witness the formal joining of (Name of Person No.1) and (Name of Person No. 2) in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

If any person can show just cause why this couple may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

(Municipal Clerk) to Person No. 1: Repeat after me, please:

“I (state your name) do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (state Person No. 2’s name)”

(Municipal Clerk) to Person No. 2: Repeat after me, please:

“I (state your name) do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (state Person No. 1’s name)”

Municipal Clerk to Person No. 1: Repeat after me please:

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (state your name) do take you (state Person No. 2’s name) to be my lawful wedded (wife, husband, spouse, or partner)

Municipal Clerk to Person No. 2: Repeat after me please:

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (state your name) do take you (state person No. 1’s name) to be my lawful wedded (wife, husband, spouse, or partner)

Municipal Clerk to Person No 1: Have you a ring?

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of (Person No. 2’s) left hand saying after me. “With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring shall be the symbol of my love.”

If a double ring ceremony the 2nd person repeats the above.

I, (Clerk’s Name), by virtue of the powers vested in my by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you (state names of persons be married) to be husband and wife (or married). I wish you long life, happiness, prosperity and may the vows you made to each today, sustain you forever. You may kiss.

