

City of Oshawa Civil Marriage Ceremony - Script 1

Welcome

Officiant: Welcome, family, friends and loved ones. We gather here today to celebrate the wedding of _____ and _____. We are here to share in their commitment to one another, to offer our love and support to this union, and to allow _____ and _____ to start their married life together surrounded by the people dearest and most important to them.

Declaration of Commitment

Marriage is a commitment in life, where two people can find and bring out the very best in each other. As such, 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.

_____ and _____, you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are now to declare it.

Officiant to the 1st person: Repeat after me please.

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____, may not be joined in matrimony to _____.”

Officiant to the 2nd person: Repeat after me please.

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____, may not be joined in matrimony to _____.”

Declaration of Vows

Please face each other to repeat your vows.

Officiant to the 1st person: Repeat after me please.

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____ do take you, _____ to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse or partner).”

Officiant to the 2nd person: Repeat after me please.

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____ do take you,
_____ to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse or partner).”

Exchange of Rings

Please place the ring on the 3rd finger of the left hand.

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

Officiant to the 1st person: Repeat after me please.

“I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As this ring has no end, my love is also forever.”

Officiant to the 2nd person: Repeat after me please.

“I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As this ring has no end, my love is also forever.”

Signing of the Register

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

Ceremony Conclusion

I, [Name of Officiant], by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Marriage Act*, do hereby pronounce you, _____ and _____ to be married.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.

I present to you, the newly married couple.