

City of Oshawa Civil Marriage Ceremony – Script 2

Welcome

Officiant: We are gathered together to witness the formal joining of _____ and _____ in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Declaration of Commitment

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. Marriage is a way of life that all should revere and none should lightly undertake.

_____ 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.

Officiant to 1st person: Repeat after me please.

“Receive this ring as a symbol of my vows to you. Whenever you look at it know that I love, honour and cherish you above all others.”

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

“Receive this ring as a symbol of my vows to you. Whenever you look at it know that I love, honour and cherish you above all others.”

Signing of the Register

At this time, the couple 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 exchange a kiss as a token of your joy.

I wish you a long life, happiness and prosperity. May the vows you made to one another today sustain you forever.