



## **Civil Marriage Ceremony Option 1**

### **Municipal Clerk:**

We are gathered at this place for the purpose of joining in the legal state of matrimony **(First and Last Name)** and **(First and Last Name)**, according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

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 unit whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and in bad times. It is this relationship these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

**(First Name)** and **(First Name)**, 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.

### **Municipal Clerk to the first 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 **(First and Last Name)**."

### **Municipal Clerk to the second 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 **(First and Last Name)**."

### **Municipal Clerk to the first person:**

Please repeat after me. "I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I **(First and Last Name)** do take you **(First and Last Name)** to be my lawful wedded **(husband, wife, spouse, or partner)**".

**Municipal Clerk to the second person:**

Please repeat after me. "I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I (First and Last Name) do take you (First and Last Name) to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse, or partner)".

**Municipal Clerk to the first person:**

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together. Please place the ring on the second finger of (First Name)'s left hand saying after me:

"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring is the symbol of my love."

**Municipal Clerk to the second person:**

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together. Please place the ring on the second finger of (First Name)'s left hand saying after me:

"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring is the symbol of my love."

**Municipal Clerk:**

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which may grow more meaningful with each passing day.

(First Name) and (First Name) have pledged themselves to each other and have declared this symbolically by their vows and the exchange of rings.

I (Officiant Name) by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you (First Name) and (First Name) to be married.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.