



Scripts for Civil Marriage Ceremonies at City Hall

CEREMONY #1

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

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

Turn to 1st person:

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

Please 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.

Please 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.

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.