



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> person:*

Please place the ring on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> person:*

Please place the ring on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, (Officiant 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 a long life, filled with happiness and prosperity, and may the vows you made to each other today, sustain you forever. You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.