

WEDDING CEREMONY/VOWS

INTRODUCTIONS:

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, under the authority of the *Marriage Act*.

This is an important and joyous occasion for _____ and _____ who will today make a commitment to each other, before witnesses, to pledge themselves, by mutual consent, to a union in friendship and life which is one of the most sacred of all human ties.

Marriage is to be entered upon thoughtfully and responsibly with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted. You have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage, and if there is anyone present here today who can show just cause as to why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

_____ and _____ you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage and no one has shown any valid reason why you may not. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are now to declare it.

Repeat after me please:

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

Repeat after me please:

"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any reason why I, _____, may not be joined in matrimony to _____."

Declaration and Vows:

We come now to the words _____ and _____ want to hear the most today...the words that take them across the threshold from being engaged to being married.

A marriage, as most of us understand it, is a voluntary and full commitment. It is made in the deepest sense to the exclusion of all others, and it is entered into with the desire and hope that it will last for life.

“Would you please face each other, join hands and repeat after me”

Repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____,
do take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded spouse. To laugh
with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be
faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.

Repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____,
do take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded spouse. To laugh
with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be
faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.

Exchange of Rings

We will now enter to the part of the Ceremony where _____ and
_____ will exchange rings.

Wedding bands are visible, tangible symbols of a couple’s commitment and
connection. These rings will represent your marriage and a symbol of your
love and your life together.”

Officiant to 1st person:

_____ please place this ring on the third finger of _____ left hand
and 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.”**

Officiant to 2nd person:

_____ please place this ring on the third finger of _____ left
hand and 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.”**

Pronouncement:

_____ and _____ have pledged themselves to each other and
have declared this symbolically by their vows.

I, _____, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Marriage
Act* in the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you,
_____, and you, _____ **to be married.**

_____ and _____ you may now share a kiss!

Signing of the Register:

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

_____ and _____, you have heard the words about love and marriage, have exchanged your vows and made your promises, and celebrated your union here today.

On behalf of the Town of Cobourg **It is my privilege for the first time ever to introduce to those here present, the Married Couple**

Congratulations!!