

*Town of Amherstburg  
Civil Marriage Ceremony*



Information and Planning  
Package



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG**  
**CIVIL MARRIAGE SERVICES**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION & PLANNING PACKAGE**  
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## CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY APPLICANT'S CHECK LIST

- Obtain a valid Marriage Licence in Ontario. For information, contact your local Municipal Clerk's Office.
- Complete the Booking Agreement form for a Town of Amherstburg Civil Marriage Service by contacting the Licensing Office at Town Hall.
- Complete the Pre-Ceremony Information Questionnaire for review with the Licensing Officer.
- Review Civil Marriage Ceremony Guidelines.
- Determine a location for the Ceremony.
- Make arrangements for 2 witnesses, preferably over the age of 16.
- Choose one of the five options for Vows for your Civil Marriage Ceremony.
- Choose or prepare personal vows. If this option is chosen please provide to the Licensing Officer at the pre-ceremony meeting.
- Pay for all required fees in accordance with this package.
- Arrange for any music, videographer, photographer and decorations.



## CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY SERVICES

### GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

**Congratulations** on your upcoming wedding!

The Town of Amherstburg currently offers marriage services. Through the Town Clerk's authority, and By-Law 2017-101, three qualified Marriage Commissioners have been designated and trained to conduct Civil Marriage Ceremonies for the Town of Amherstburg.

Civil Marriage Ceremonies will be conducted in English only and within the Town of Amherstburg boundaries.

#### **Ceremony Dates & Times:**

- Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30, subject to availability.
- Weekend and afterhours services are offered upon availability, at a premium rate.
- Civil Marriage Ceremonies last approximately forty minutes, depending on the vows chosen. The service time booked will be an hour to allow for photo opportunities. Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the Ceremony to allow time for review of final details.

#### **Booking Ceremonies:**

- Requests for Civil Marriage Ceremonies are to be received a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the date of the Ceremony. The applicants are required to complete the Civil Marriage Ceremony Booking Agreement and pay the appropriate fee at the Town of Amherstburg. As well, applicants must complete a Pre-Ceremony Information Questionnaire with the Licensing Officer.

#### **Ceremony Location:**

- Services can be conducted in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 271 Sandwich Street South. A maximum of 40 guests (not including the wedding party) can be accommodated in the Council of Chambers should the Chambers be used for the ceremony.
- Kings Navy Yard Park- Rental through Libro Centre
- Requests for off-site location may be made and are subject to a mileage fee.

**Interpreter**

- If you do not understand or read English, you must provide your own interpreter and he/she must provide Government issued photo identification. An Interpreter Certificate will be provided by the Town upon request. The interpreter should not be one of the witnesses.

**Fees:**

- All fees include H.S.T. Payments are to be made at Town Hall by cheque, cash or debit. All fees are payable in advance at the time of booking and requires the execution of the Booking Agreement. (reference attached Booking Agreement Form)

- The following fees for Civil Marriage Ceremonies, as approved by Council, are as follows:

**Monday-Friday during office hours: \$250.00**

**Weekends and afterhours: \$350.00**

**Rehearsals (if requested): \$ 50.00**

**Witness Fee (if required): \$ 30.00**

- The Marriage Commissioner will charge **\$.54** for every km for ceremonies off-site.

**Marriage Licences:**

- The Town fees are payable at the time of booking. Please note: the Civil Marriage Service Fee does NOT include the fee for the Marriage License.
- The fee for a Marriage License is **\$117.00** and can be obtained through the Licensing Officer at Amherstburg Town Hall.

**Change of Date/  
Time**

- Changes to date and /or time are permitted at no additional charge, provided that the location and Commissioner is available and must be received a minimum of two (2) business days prior to the originally scheduled date and time.

**Cancellation  
Administration  
Fees:**

- \$62.50 – Ceremony Cancellation fee with 24 hours
- \$125.00 – Ceremony Cancellation fee for Ceremonies during business hours, and without 24 hour notice.
- \$175.00 – Ceremony Cancellation fee for after-hours/weekend Ceremonies, without 24 hour notice.

**No Refund**

- Ceremonies cancelled on the day of the Ceremony, or the Applicant(s) fail to appear for the Ceremony.

**Mandatory  
Ceremony  
Consultation:**

- A Pre-ceremony meeting with the Licensing Officer is required and lasts approximately 30 minutes and is to be scheduled at least three (3) days prior to the ceremony. Please ensure you have the following available for the Licensing Officer at this meeting:
  1. Provide a valid Marriage License (with receipt), issued in the Province of Ontario is to be presented (date issued must be within three (3) months of ceremony).
  2. The applicant or joint applicant identified on the Marriage Licence must be in attendance and provide photo identification (i.e. driver's license, passport).
  3. Bring a copy of the Completed Pre-Ceremony Information Questionnaire.
  4. Bring a completed copy of Civil Marriage Ceremony Booking Agreement (with receipt).
  5. If specific vows are to be included, please provide a written copy to the Licensing Officer.

**Witnesses:**

- Two (2) witnesses are required to be present during the ceremony.
- Please Note: There is no age requirement for a witness, however, it is suggested they should be at least 16 years of age, as a witness should be able to understand and appreciate what is taking place and be able to give evidence of such at a later date, if required. It is the Applicant's responsibility to provide the witnesses. If the Applicants cannot provide two witnesses, the Town of Amherstburg can provide them at an additional fee \$30.00 during normal business hours.

**Record of  
Solemnization:**

- The record of solemnization of Marriage provided at the ceremony is not a legal record. Approximately 6 weeks after the ceremony you may apply to the Office of the Registrar General to obtain an official Certificate of Marriage online at [www.serviceontario.ca/getting\\_married](http://www.serviceontario.ca/getting_married).

- Alcohol/Stimulants:**
- Alcohol or stimulants are not to be used by the Applicants or their witnesses prior to or during the Ceremony. If the Commissioner has reason to believe that alcohol or stimulants have been used, the Ceremony will not proceed.
- Attire:**
- In order to maintain the dignity of a Civil Marriage Ceremony, appropriate clothing should be worn for the special occasion.
- Ceremony Scripts:**
- The couple may review and choose from five Ceremony scripts. The couple may personalize parts of the script, including the addition of their own personal vows. Changes to the Ceremony scripts, including the addition of personal vows, must be approved by the Licensing Officer during the consultation meeting.
- Photos:**
- An opportunity will be provided for photos before the ceremony begins, during the signing of the Register, and when the Ceremony is complete. Videotaping and photographs during the Ceremony may be permitted subject to certain limitations at the discretion of the Licensing Officer.
- Music:**
- Music will be permitted at certain times throughout the Ceremony, and is to be determined during the pre-ceremony meeting. When selecting the type of music, consideration should be given to its appropriateness and contribution to the dignity of the occasion. If the Civil Marriage Ceremony is held in Council Chambers, a CD player will be available.
- Decorating:**
- No confetti, rice, bubbles, etc. are permitted in the Council of Chambers or on Municipal property. Smoking and/or use of candles are not allowed in or on Town property. Minimal decorating is permitted, but must be placed 15 minutes prior to the Ceremony, and removed 15 minutes of the conclusion of the Ceremony. (Tape, staples, nails, etc. are not permitted on the walls or furniture).
- Items to Bring:**
- You may wish to have a table and seating available for the signing of the marriage register
  - You may wish to bring a legal size folder for safekeeping of your marriage licence. Please be sure to remember to obtain this from your Officiant after the ceremony.



## Town of Amherstburg Civil Marriage Ceremony Booking Agreement

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of Section 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001, C.25, and the Marriage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M3 and will be used for the purpose of the Application only.

Questions about this collection should be directed to the Clerk at 519.736.0012 ext. 2238.

### Applicant and Co-Applicant Information

Applicant Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial
Co-Applicants Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Applicant Occupation:		Co-Applicant Occupation:
Date of Ceremony:	Time of Ceremony:	
Primary Contact Telephone Number: (    )	Alternate Contact Number: (    )	
Email Address:		

1. Date Marriage Licence Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Licence # \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the Town Hall Council Chambers being utilized? **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ or **No** \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you are not using Council Chambers, please identify the exact location/address of wedding:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Fee:	\$	_____
Rehearsal Fee (if applicable)	\$	_____
Witness Fee (if applicable)	\$	_____
Mileage Fee (if applicable) \$.54 x _____ km	\$	_____
<b>Total</b>	\$	_____

The applicants acknowledge they have read the Town of Amherstburg Civil Marriage Guidelines as attached hereto and shall adhere to the requirements established with respect to the provision of Civil Marriage Ceremonies by the Town of Amherstburg.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Co-Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<b>Office Use Only</b>	
<b>Ceremony Date:</b>	
<b>Marriage Licence #:</b>	
<b>Signature of Licensing Officer:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Amount Paid: \$ _____ (attach receipt)</b>	





## Town of Amherstburg

### Pre-Ceremony Information Questionnaire

<b>Applicant Last Name</b>	<b>Co-Applicant Last Name</b>
<b>Applicant First Name, Middle Name</b>	<b>Co-Applicant First Name, Middle Name</b>
<b>Marriage Licence Number</b>	<b>Date Marriage Licence Issued (mm/dd/yyyy)</b>
<b>Contact Phone Number</b>	

<b>Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy)</b>	<b>Time of Marriage</b>
<b>Location of Ceremony (be specific)</b>	
<b>Emergency Contact for Day of Ceremony</b>	
<b>Emergency Contact Phone Number</b>	

**Name of 1<sup>st</sup> Witness (Last, First, Middle)**

**Address of 1<sup>st</sup> Witness**

**Name of 2<sup>nd</sup> Witness (Last, First, Middle)**

**Address of 2<sup>nd</sup> Witness**

**Selection of Vows (Please circle)**

**Option #1    Option #2    Option #3    Option #4    Option #5**

**Will you be walking down the aisle? Will you be given away?**

**Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_      Name\_\_\_\_\_**

**Will rings be exchanged?**

**Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

**Will there be a ring bearer/flower girl?**

**Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

**Will there be a photographer present?**

**Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

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# Civil Marriage Script #1

**Note:** Bold sections are mandatory.

## INTRODUCTION

We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario. By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other and you support their decision to commit themselves to one another for the rest of their lives. Today we are here to celebrate love. We come together to witness and proclaim the joining together of these two persons in a marriage based on love.

Marriage is a commitment. Its success does not depend on feelings, circumstances, or moods, but on two people who are loyal to each other, and the vows they took on their wedding day. Marriage acknowledges that while each of you is an amazing and unique individual, you are even better together. So I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals; respect each other's thoughts and ideas; and live each day that you share together.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, as the two of you walk the road of married life together, you will quickly come to realize that marriage is not a one-sided affair. The concept of what's mine is mine and what's yours is yours will no longer apply. There will need to be a sharing in all things...and that includes the sorrows as well as the good times. But that should be no cause for regret or concern, because the good times in marriage will always overshadow the sorrows, especially if you allow love to sustain you.

Both of you should understand that 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.

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# Civil Marriage Script #1

## DECLARATIONS

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ 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\_\_\_\_\_.

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ 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\_\_\_\_\_.

## VOWS

Would you please face each other and join your hands as you exchange your vows:

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I,\_\_\_\_\_ | do take you,  
\_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded (wife/husband/spouse/partner). | I will trust  
you and respect you, | laugh with you and cry with you, | loving you faithfully through  
good times and bad. | I give you my hand, my heart and my love, | from this day  
forward | for as long as we both shall live.

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I,\_\_\_\_\_ | do take you,  
\_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded (wife/husband/spouse/partner). | I will trust  
you and respect you, | laugh with you and cry with you, | loving you faithfully through  
good times and bad. | I give you my hand, my heart and my love, | from this day  
forward | for as long as we both shall live.

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# Civil Marriage Script #1

## WE WILL NOW EXCHANGE RINGS

Wedding rings are an ancient symbol that two persons have committed themselves to each other, to the exclusion of all others. But they also hold a deeper meaning. The precious metal is a sign that the love shared between a couple is very valuable, and as a circle the ring tells us that love has no real beginning or end.

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_ place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

## PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in as much as you have pledged yourself, one to the other, by the exchanging of vows and rings, **I, (Name of Officiant), by the 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.

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## Civil Marriage Script #1

### SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the couple and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

### SERVICE CONCLUSION

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

It is my pleasure to introduce to you **(The Married Couple)**.

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## Civil Marriage Script #2

**Note:** Bold sections are mandatory.

### INTRODUCTION

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we welcome and thank you for being here on their special day. By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other and you support their decision to commit themselves to one another for the rest of their lives. Today we are here to celebrate love. We come together to witness and proclaim the joining together of these two persons in a marriage based on love.

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. 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. Therefore, if there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should declare it now, 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 to declare it now.

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## Civil Marriage Script #2

### DECLARATIONS

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ 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\_\_\_\_\_”.

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ 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\_\_\_\_\_”.

### VOWS

Would you please face each other and join your hands as you exchange your vows:

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I,\_\_\_\_\_ | do take you,  
- |, to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**”. | 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”.

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_ Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I,\_\_\_\_\_ | do take you,  
- |, to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**”. | 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”.

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## Civil Marriage Script #2

### WE WILL NOW EXCHANGE RINGS

Wedding rings are an ancient symbol that two persons have committed themselves to each other. They will be a sign to you both of the vows you have exchanged; reminding you that your love is valuable and has no real beginning or end.

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_ place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

### PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in as much as you have pledged yourself, one to the other, by the exchanging of vows and rings, I, **(Name of Officiant)**, by the 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.

### SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the couple and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

### SERVICE CONCLUSION

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

It is my pleasure to introduce to you **(The Married Couple)**.

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## Civil Marriage Script #3

**Note:** Bold sections are mandatory.

### INTRODUCTION

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their commitment to one another and enter into the joys and privilege of marriage. Love is one of the highest experiences we human beings can have and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day-to-day companionship, the pleasure in doing things together – or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences – is a continuous and central part of what two people who love one another can share.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 to declare it now.

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## Civil Marriage Script #3

### DECLARATIONS

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, 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\_\_\_\_\_.

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, 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\_\_\_\_\_.

### Vows

Would you please face each other and join hands as you exchange your vows:

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I,\_\_\_\_\_ | do take you,  
\_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**.

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I,\_\_\_\_\_ | do take you,  
\_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**.

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## Civil Marriage Script #3

### WE WILL NOW EXCHANGE RINGS

Wedding rings are an ancient symbol that two persons have committed themselves to each other. They will be a sign to you both of the vows you have exchanged; reminding you that your love is valuable and has no real beginning or end.

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_ place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

### PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in as much as you have pledged yourself, one to the other, by the exchanging of vows and rings, **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.

### SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the couple and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

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## Civil Marriage Script #3

### SERVICE CONCLUSION

As you enter upon your marriage, let your home be a haven of peace in the middle of a busy and businesslike world; let your relationship be one of complete truth and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and consider that as the world gives nothing freely, neither will your marriage yield you more than you give into it.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you **(The Married Couple)**.

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# Civil Marriage Script #4

**Note:** Bold sections are mandatory.

## INTRODUCTION

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.

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. Therefore, if there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should declare it now 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 to declare it now.

## DECLARATIONS

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, 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\_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, 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\_\_\_\_\_.”**

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# Civil Marriage Script #4

## Vows

Would you please face each other and join hands as you exchange your vows:

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_ | do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**.”

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_, Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_ | do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**.”

## WE WILL NOW EXCHANGE RINGS

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together.

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_ place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:** \_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

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

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# Civil Marriage Script #4

## PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in as much as you have pledged yourself, one to the other, by the exchanging of vows and rings, 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.

## SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the couple and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

## SERVICE CONCLUSION

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

It is my pleasure to introduce to you **(The Married Couple)**.

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# Civil Marriage Script #5

## No Ring Ceremony

**Note:** Bold sections are mandatory.

### INTRODUCTION

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.

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. Therefore, if there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should declare it now 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 to declare it now.

### DECLARATIONS

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:**    \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_,                      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 \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:**    \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_,                      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 \_\_\_\_\_.”**

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# Civil Marriage Script #5

## Vows

Would you please face each other and join hands as you exchange your vows:

**Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:**    \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_,            Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_ | do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**. To have and to hold, | from this day forward. | For better, for worse, | for richer, for poorer, | in sickness and in health, | to love and to cherish, | so long as we both shall live.

**Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:**    \_\_Name\_\_\_\_\_,            Please repeat after me:

“I call upon these persons present | to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_ | do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, | to be my lawful wedded **(wife/husband/spouse/partner)**. To have and to hold, | from this day forward. | For better, for worse, | for richer, for poorer, | in sickness and in health, | to love and to cherish, | so long as we both shall live.

## 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, so hereby pronounce you \_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_to be married.

You may exchange a kiss as a token of your joy.

## SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the couple and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

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### SERVICE CONCLUSION

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

It is my pleasure to introduce to you (The Married Couple).

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**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG  
INTERPRETER  
CERTIFICATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of

\_\_\_\_\_, at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

I faithfully performed the services of Interpreter from the \_\_\_ language

into the

\_\_\_\_\_ language and from the \_\_\_\_\_ language into the

\_\_\_\_\_ language in or in connection with a ceremony of

marriage solemnized between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Interpreter

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness

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