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Refer to attached Civil Marriage Solemnization Policy, resolutions and by-law.

Civil Marriage Solemnization Policy

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Policy Statement

The Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville is committed to improving the quality of local services delivered and in better meeting the needs of its citizens. In keeping with this commitment, we are pleased to have the opportunity and privilege of issuing marriage licenses and providing bilingual civil marriage services within the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville. This will create economic benefits in attracting bilingual couples to the community thus improving the quality of life for local residents.

Authority

Ontario Regulation 285/04 amended the Marriage Act to include Municipal Clerks as a class of person authorized to solemnize civil marriages. This authority is extended to designates who have been delegated the authority by the Clerk in accordance with Section 228 of the Municipal Act. Delegation of authority, by the Clerk, to perform civil marriage ceremonies shall be confirmed by Resolution of Council.

As outlined in Section 24 (1) of the Marriage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.3, a judge, a justice of the peace or any other person of a class designated by the regulations may solemnize marriages under the authority of a license.

Delegation of Authority

Under Section 228 (4) of the Municipal Act, the Clerk may delegate in writing to any person, other than a member of council, any of the Clerk's powers and duties under this and any other Act. For the purposes of delegating authority for civil marriage solemnization, this policy limits the Clerk's ability to delegate subject to Council's approval.

Civil Marriage Ceremony:

Ceremonies, available in French and English, are simple and dignified and are to be conducted in an appropriate location, which provides an intimate and formal setting upon approval of the Clerk. The duration of the Ceremony would be approximately 30 minutes depending on the vows chosen. The service time booked would be approximately one (1) hour to allow for photo opportunities, signing of the Register, etc.

Civil marriages will be conducted by the Clerk or designate subject to their availability. The Clerk, in his/her sole discretion, shall ensure the days/time/place that civil marriages will be performed are appropriate. It is recommended that ceremonies are booked in advance to allow for a pre-ceremony meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the Ceremony.



Form of Ceremonies

There are basic requirements of the Marriage Act to be followed. Appropriate and dignified ceremonies will be developed accordingly. Applicants will be clearly informed of the style of the ceremony and that there will be no religious aspects included.

Civil Marriage Ceremony Guidelines

1. Ceremonies will be conducted in an appropriate location approved by the Clerk and during regular office hours. Exceptions may be granted outside office hours at the discretion of the Clerk and upon availability.
2. Ceremony Fee: \$225.00 payable in advance at the time of booking and a Booking Agreement will be executed. The Town accepts certified cheques or cash. The ceremony fee does not include the Marriage License Fee (\$100.00) or the Registration Fee (\$75.00). Ceremonies executed outside of regular office hours will be subject to an additional ceremony fee of \$50.00.
3. At the discretion of the Municipal Clerk, the marriage solemnization service may be provided outside regular office hours by the Clerk or municipal delegate; however, a \$275.00 honorarium derived from the ceremony fee would apply for the service provided. Should it be determined that the service would be delegated to a non-municipal employee, the honorarium for the celebrant would be the same at \$275.00 from the ceremony fee.
4. Changes to date and/or time are permitted at no additional charge, provided the location and Officiate are available. An administration fee of \$100.00 will be applied should the Ceremony be cancelled prior to the scheduled date. No refund will be issued if the Ceremony is cancelled on the day of the Ceremony, or the Applicant(s) fail to appear for the Ceremony.
5. A request for a Civil Marriage Ceremony is to be received a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the date of the Ceremony.
6. Pre-ceremony meeting (approximately 30 minutes):
 - a. to be scheduled for at least three (3) days prior to the ceremony;
 - b. both parties must be in attendance and provide photo identification (ie: driver's license);
 - c. bring a completed application for a Civil Marriage Ceremony;
 - d. if specific vows are to be included, please provide a written copy; and
 - e. a valid Marriage License issued in the Province of Ontario is to be presented (date issued must be within 90 days of ceremony).
7. Alcohol or stimulants are not to be used by the Applicants or their witnesses prior to or during the Ceremony. If the Officiate has reason to believe that alcohol or other stimulants have been used, the Ceremony will not proceed.



8. In order to maintain the dignity of the Ceremony clothing should be appropriate for the occasion.
9. 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.
10. A maximum of 45 guests (not including the wedding party) can be accommodated in the Council Chambers if chosen as the ceremony venue.
11. The taking of photographs and videotaping of the Ceremony will be permitted subject to certain limitation at the discretion of the Officiate.
12. No confetti, rice, bubbles, etc., are permitted in the Municipally owned buildings or grounds.
13. If using the Municipal Council Chambers, minimal decorations are permitted (flowers, balloons). They may be placed 15 minutes prior to the Ceremony and removed within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the Ceremony. Use of decorations that are to be affixed to walls or furniture (tape, staples, nails, etc.) are not permitted.

Services Provided Outside of City Hall

14. If the ceremony takes place in a facility not owned by the township, it is the responsibility of the participants to make the appropriate arrangements and to pay for the facility.
15. If the ceremony takes place outside of township limits, it is the responsibility of the participants to pay for the solemnizer's mileage expenses and shall be calculated using the rate established by the towns travel expense policy.

Notes:

- a) The couple is required to have two witnesses present during the ceremony. There is no minimum 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.
- b) It is the Applicant's responsibility to provide the witnesses.
- c) If personal vows are to be made, a written copy is to be submitted to the Officiate for review. Bring written copy to the pre-ceremony meeting.
- d) The Record of Solemnization of Marriage provided at the Ceremony is not a legal record. Approximately 12 weeks after the ceremony you may apply to the Office of the Registrar General to obtain an official Certificate of Marriage.
- e) Any deviations from the above guidelines are at the discretion of the Officiate.



Fees for civil marriage solemnization services and the use of municipally owned buildings and halls are subject to the Harmonized Sales Tax.

Entry in Marriage Register

- a) Section 29 of the Marriage Act states that every person authorized to solemnize marriages may apply to the Minister for a marriage register.
- b) The Clerk will apply for a marriage register for the purpose of registering all marriages performed by the Clerk or designates. The marriage register will be kept in the care of the Clerk's Department and the said register is the property of the Crown.
- c) After the completion of a civil marriage, the designate shall return the marriage register to the Clerk promptly with the completed marriage license in order for the Clerk to forward the license to the Registrar General within two (2) days following the marriage as per the requirements of Section 2 (3) of Ontario Regulation 302/05.



Civil Marriage Ceremony Booking Agreement

Applicant's Name: _____

Co-Applicant's Name: _____

Date of Ceremony: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

Contact Telephone No.: _____
(Day) (Evening)

1. Smoking, candles, confetti or rice are not allowed in or on municipal property.
2. The Applicants, as the renters of a municipal hall for the Civil Marriage Ceremony, do hereby consent to defend and indemnify the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville for any loss or damages incurred by their invitees. The Applicants agree that the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville will not be held responsible for personal injury or damage, nor for the theft or loss of any personal property of anyone attending on the invitation of the Applicants.
3. The renter shall be responsible for the conduct and supervision of all persons admitted to a municipal hall and shall see that all regulations pertaining to the event are strictly followed.
4. The Municipal Council Chambers may only be used for civil marriage ceremonies conducted by the Municipal Clerk or designate.
5. All exits must be kept free from obstructions in case of fire.
6. The Council Chambers is available for a maximum of one and one-half hours only, which rental cost is included in ceremony fee during office hours. Minimal decorating is permitted in Council Chambers. Other municipal halls may be rented at additional costs.
7. Music deemed by the Officiate to be appropriate to the occasion will be allowed.
8. Changes to date, and/or place are allowed at no additional charge, provided that the venue and the Officiate are available. Requests to change the date, time and/or place must be received a minimum of 48 hours prior to the originally scheduled date and time.
9. An administration fee of \$100.00 will be charged if the ceremony is cancelled prior to the scheduled date and time.
10. No refund will be issued if the ceremony is cancelled less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled date and time, or the Applicant(s) do not show up for the ceremony.
11. A booking is not confirmed until this Agreement is completed and returned to the Municipal Clerk with full payment (certified cheque or cash).



Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Co-Applicant

Date

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, and will be used for the purpose of providing the civil marriage solemnization services.

Office Use Only	Marriage Ceremony Confirmation	
Name of Officiate		
Signature of Clerk's Office Representative		
Date		
Paid/Receipt Attached	YES/NO	YES/NO



Civil Marriage Ceremony Booking Agreement

*To be completed by the applicants and reviewed with the Officiate at the Pre-Ceremony meeting.

Applicants Information:

1. Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle
- Name of Co-Applicant _____
Last First Middle
2. Marriage License No. _____
Date License Issued: _____
3. I.D. Information _____ (Applicant)
(ie: driver's license #) _____ (Co-Applicant)

Ceremony Information:

4. Ceremony Date: _____
Ceremony Time: _____
Ceremony Venue _____
5. Witness: #1 Name _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
- Witness #2 Name _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____

Ceremony/Vows:

6. Options:
- Option 1: Simple Ceremony
 - Option 2: Simple Ceremony w/ Rings
 - Option 3: Simple Ceremony w/ Personal Vows & Rings
 - Option 4: Regular Ceremony
 - Option 5: Regular Ceremony w/ Rings
 - Option 6: Regular Ceremony w/ Personal Vows & Rings
 - French Option 1:
 - French Option 2:
 - French Option 3:



7. Will anyone be giving an applicant away? Yes No
If so, Name and Relationship: _____
8. Will rings be exchanged during the Ceremony: Yes No
How many? One Two
9. Will there be a flower girl? Yes No
Name and age: _____
10. Will there be a ring bearer? Yes No
Name and age: _____
12. Will there be a photographer? Yes No
Will there be a videographer? Yes No
13. Will there be music? Yes No
If so, what type of music _____
14. Will there be decorations? Yes No
Type of decorations: _____

15. Anticipated Number of Guests: _____

(Maximum 45 (in Council Chambers), not including wedding party)
16. Are there any other additions to the Ceremony? Yes No
If yes, please specify: _____

17. Additional Comments or Requests: _____

Fees:

Ceremony and Registration fees

\$300.00 payable by certified cheque or cash

Receipt # _____

(Council Chambers is included in ceremony fee if location is desirable during office hours; use of other municipal hall is an additional cost; ceremonies done outside regular office hours will be subject to an additional cost of \$50.00)

Marriage License fee

\$100.00

Signatures:

Applicant: _____

Co-Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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Option #1 - Simple Ceremony

SOLEMNIZER:

We are gathered at this place for the purpose of joining in the legal state of matrimony (this man and this women/these two people), under the authority given and provided 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 any one present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this women in marriage to this man? (wait for answer)

REPEAT (Person #1)

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

REPEAT (Person #2)

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

REPEAT (Person #1)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

REPEAT (Person #2)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

SOLEMNIZER:

I, _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be (husband and wife/married as partners in life). 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 to one another.

You may now kiss your bride (or partner)

(After signing the Register, Solemnizer announces) I am pleased to announce (Mr & Mrs. _____/the married couple).



Option #2 – Simple Ceremony with Rings

SOLEMNIZER:

We are gathered at this place for the purpose of joining in the legal state of matrimony (this man and this women/these two people), under the authority given and provided 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 any one present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this women in marriage to this man? (wait for answer)

REPEAT (Person #1)

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

REPEAT (Person #2)

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

REPEAT (Person #1)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

REPEAT (Person #2)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you / _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

SOLEMNIZER to Person #1

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your life together, no beginning and no end.

Please place the ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me: "with this ring I thee wed /, I shall love, honour and cherish thee, / and this ring shall be a symbol of my love".



SOLEMNIZER to Person #2

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your life together, no beginning and no end.

Please place the ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me: "with this ring I thee wed /, I shall love, honour and cherish thee, / and this ring shall be a symbol of my love".

SOLEMNIZER:

I, _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be (husband and wife/married as partners in life). 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 to one another.

You may now kiss your bride (or partner)

(After signing the Register, Solemnizer announces) I am pleased to announce (Mr & Mrs. _____/the married couple).



Option #3 – Simple Ceremony with Personal Vows and Rings

SOLEMNIZER:

We are gathered at this place for the purpose of joining in the legal state of matrimony (this man and this women/these two people), under the authority given and provided 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 any one present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this women in marriage to this man? (wait for answer)

PERSONAL VOWS: Person #1

PERSONAL VOWS: Person #2

REPEAT (Person #1)

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

REPEAT (Person #2)

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

REPEAT (Person #1)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

REPEAT (Person #2)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.



SOLEMNIZER to Person #1

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Please place the ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me: "with this ring I thee wed /, I shall love, honour and cherish thee, / and this ring shall be a symbol of my love".

SOLEMNIZER to Person #2

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your life together, no beginning and no end.

Please place the ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me: "with this ring I thee wed /, I shall love, honour and cherish thee, / and this ring shall be a symbol of my love".

SOLEMNIZER:

I, _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be (husband and wife/married as partners in life). 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 to one another.

You may now kiss your bride (or partner)

(After signing the Register, Solemnizer announces) I am pleased to announce (Mr & Mrs. _____/the married couple).



Option #4 – Regular Ceremony

SOLMNIZER:

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage.

The essence of this commitment is the taking of another person in his or her entirety as a lover, companion and friend.

It is therefore a decision not to be entered into lightly but rather with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself.

_____ and _____ have invited us to share this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their faith 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 of doing things together or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences, is a continuous and central part of what two people who love each other can share.

Marriage was established that two people might have life-long companionship, that natural instincts and affections might be fulfilled in mutual love, that children should enjoy the security of family life, love and home.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives, yet this sharing must not diminish but enhance the individuality of each partner.

A happy marriage is one which is continually developing while growing in understanding of the other person.

By growing together in love, it is possible to share not only the joys of life, but the burdens of sorrow as well.

_____ and _____, your marriage is intended to join you in a relationship so intimate and personal, it will change your whole being.

It offers you the hope and indeed the promise of a love that is true and mature.

To attain such love, you will have to commit yourselves to each other freely and gladly for the sake of a richer and deeper life together.

If any person can show just cause why they may not be joined in marriage, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this woman in marriage to this man?



REPEAT (Person #1)

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

REPEAT (Person #2)

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

REPEAT (Person #1)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

REPEAT (Person #2)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

SOLEMNIZER

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

I, _____ by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Province of Ontario Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be (husband and wife/partners in life).

You may now kiss (your bride/your partner).

(After signing the register)

I am pleased to announce (Mr. & Mrs. _____/ the married couple).



Option #5 – Regular Ceremony with Rings

SOLMNIZER:

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Who gives this woman in marriage to this man?



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SOLEMNIZER TO PERSON #1

_____, do you have the ring?

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Please place it on the third finger of _____ left hand, repeating after me:

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SOLEMNIZER TO PERSON #2

_____, do you have the ring?

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your life together, no beginning and no end.

Please place it on the third finger of _____ left hand, repeating after me:

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



SOLEMNIZER

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You may now kiss your bride (your partner).

(After signing the register, Solemnizer announces:)

I am pleased to announce (Mr. & Mrs. _____/ the married couple).



Option #6 – Regular Ceremony with Personal Vows and Rings

SOLEMNIZER:

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Personal vows

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REPEAT (Person #2)

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

REPEAT (Person #1)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

REPEAT (Person #2)

I call upon these persons here present /, to witness that I, _____ / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife/partner). 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.

SOLEMNIZER TO PERSON #1

_____, do you have the ring?

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your life together, no beginning and no end.

Please place the ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed /, I shall love, honour and cherish thee, / and this ring shall be a symbol of my love.

SOLEMNIZER TO PERSON #2

_____, do you have the ring?

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your life together, no beginning and no end.

Please place it on the third finger of _____ left hand, repeating after me:



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

SOLEMNIZER

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

I, _____ by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Province of Ontario Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be (husband and wife/partners in life).

You may now kiss your bride (your partner).

(After signing the register, Solemnizer announces :)

I am pleased to announce (Mr. & Mrs. _____/ the married couple).



French- Option #1

Délégué

Nous sommes tous réunis en ce lieu dans le but d'unir à l'état du mariage (cet homme et cette femme / ces deux personnes), sous l'autorité donnée et fournie par le gouvernement de la province de l'Ontario.

Le mariage ne doit pas être pris à la légère, mais avec une compréhension et une appréciation en raison pour laquelle il est fait.

Par conséquent, s'il y a quelqu'un qui peut présenter une raison pour laquelle ces deux personnes ne peuvent être légalement unies dans le mariage, ils doivent maintenant le déclarer et par la suite garder le silence.

Y a-t-il quelqu'un ici présent qui donne cette femme en mariage à cet homme?

(Attendre pour la réponse...)

RÉPÉTÉ (chaque participant à son tour)

Je jure solennellement.../ que je ne connais.../ aucune contrainte légale.../ pour laquelle, je, *(l'homme)*.../ ne peut être joint.../ dans le lien du mariage.../... à *(femme)*.

Je jure solennellement.../ que je ne connais.../ aucune contrainte légale.../ pour laquelle, je, *(femme)*.../ ne peut être joint.../ dans le lien du mariage.../... à *(l'homme)*.

RÉPÉTÉ (chaque participant à son tour)

Marié

J'invite les personnes.../ ici présentes.../ à témoigner.../ que je,.../ *(l'homme)*.../... te prends toi, *(femme)* pour devenir mon épouse.

Mariée

J'invite les personnes.../ ici présentes.../ à témoigner.../ que je,.../ *(femme)*.../... te prends toi, *(l'homme)* pour devenir mon époux.

Délégué au marié

Placer la bague à son doigt (doigt d'alliance gauche) le tenir là et lui dire ces mots :

« *Cette alliance, .../ je te la donne.../ en signe d'engagement.../ fait en ce jour.../ entre nous. »*

Délégué à la mariée

Placer la bague à son doigt (doigt d'alliance gauche) le tenir là et lui dire ces mots :

« *Cette alliance, .../ je te la donne.../ en signe d'engagement.../ fait en ce jour.../ entre nous. »*



Délégué

Je, _____, en vertu des pouvoirs qui me sont conférés par la Loi du mariage, j'ai le plaisir de vous prononcer (l'homme) (mari) et (femme) (femme) mari et femme.

Vous pouvez embrasser la mariée

(Après signature du registre, délégué annonce:)

Je vous présente monsieur et madame _____ / le couple marié



French- Option #2

Délégué

Nous sommes tous réunis en ce lieu dans le but d'unir à l'état du mariage (cet homme et cette femme / ces deux personnes), sous l'autorité donnée et fournie par le gouvernement de la province de l'Ontario.

Le mariage ne doit pas être pris à la légère, mais avec une compréhension et une appréciation en raison pour laquelle il est fait.

Par conséquent, s'il y a quelqu'un qui peut présenter une raison pour laquelle ces deux personnes ne peuvent être légalement unies dans le mariage, ils doivent maintenant le déclarer et par la suite garder le silence.

RÉPÉTÉ (chaque participant à son tour)

Je jure solennellement.../ que je ne connais.../ aucune contrainte légale.../ pour laquelle, je, *(l'homme)*.../ ne peut être joint.../ dans le lien du mariage.../... à *(femme)*.

Je jure solennellement.../ que je ne connais.../ aucune contrainte légale.../ pour laquelle, je, *(femme)*.../ ne peut être joint.../ dans le lien du mariage.../... à *(l'homme)*.

RÉPÉTÉ (chaque participant à son tour)

Marié

J'invite les personnes.../ ici présentes.../ à témoigner.../ que je,.../ *(l'homme)*.../... te prends toi, *(femme)* pour devenir mon épouse.

Mariée

J'invite les personnes.../ ici présentes.../ à témoigner.../ que je,.../ *(femme)* .../... te prends toi, *(l'homme)* pour devenir mon époux.

Délégué au marié

Placer la bague à son doigt (doigt d'alliance gauche) le tenir là et lui dire ces mots :

« Cette alliance,.../ je te la donne.../ en signe d'engagement.../ fait en ce jour.../ entre nous. »

Délégué à la mariée

Placer la bague à son doigt (doigt d'alliance gauche) le tenir là et lui dire ces mots :

« Cette alliance,.../ je te la donne.../ en signe d'engagement.../ fait en ce jour.../ entre nous. »



Délégué

Je, _____, en vertu des pouvoirs qui me sont conférés par la Loi du mariage, j'ai le plaisir de vous prononcer (l'homme) (mari) et (femme) (femme) mari et femme.

Vous pouvez embrasser la mariée

(Après signature du registre, délègue annonce:)

Je vous présente monsieur et madame _____ / le couple marié



French- Option #3

Délégué

Nous sommes tous réunis en ce lieu dans le but d'unir à l'état du mariage cet homme et cette femme, sous l'autorité donnée et fournie par le gouvernement de la province de l'Ontario.

Le mariage ne doit pas être pris à la légère, mais avec une compréhension et une appréciation en raison pour laquelle il est fait.

Par conséquent, s'il y a quelqu'un qui peut présenter une raison pour laquelle ces deux personnes ne peuvent être légalement unies dans le mariage, ils doivent maintenant le déclarer et par la suite garder le silence.

Vœux personnels:

Personne #1

Personne #2

RÉPÉTÉ (chaque participant à son tour)

Je jure solennellement.../ que je ne connais.../ aucune contrainte légale.../ pour laquelle, je, *(l'homme)* .../ ne peut être joint.../ dans le lien du mariage.../... à *(femme)*.

Je jure solennellement.../ que je ne connais.../ aucune contrainte légale.../ pour laquelle, je, *(femme)* .../ ne peut être joint.../ dans le lien du mariage.../... à *(l'homme)*.

RÉPÉTÉ (chaque participant à son tour)

Marié

J'invite les personnes.../ ici présentes.../ à témoigner.../ que je,.../ *(l'homme)* .../... te prends toi, *(femme)* pour devenir mon épouse.

Mariée

J'invite les personnes.../ ici présentes.../ à témoigner.../ que je,.../ *(femme)*.../... te prends toi, *(l'homme)* pour devenir mon époux.

Délégué au marié

Placer la bague à son doigt (doigt d'alliance gauche) le tenir là et lui dire ces mots :

« Cette alliance,.../ je te la donne.../ en signe d'engagement.../ fait en ce jour.../ entre nous. »



Délégué à la mariée

Placer la bague à son doigt (doigt d'alliance gauche) le tenir là et lui dire ces mots :

« Cette alliance,.../ je te la donne.../ en signe d'engagement.../ fait en ce jour.../ entre nous. »

Délégué

Je, _____, en vertu des pouvoirs qui me sont conférés par la Loi du mariage, j'ai le plaisir de vous prononcer (*l'homme*) (mari) et (*femme*) (femme) mari et femme.

Vous pouvez embrasser la mariée

(Après signature du registre, délègue annonce:)

Je vous présente monsieur et madame _____ / le couple marié

