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# **Wawa Civil Marriage Ceremonies**

# **General Information and Planning Package**

**Civil Marriages**

*From  
This Day  
Forward*

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## **Municipality of Wawa Civil Marriage Services**

### **Policy**

The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is committed to improving the quality of services and meeting the needs of its citizens. In keeping with this commitment, the Municipality is pleased to have the opportunity and privilege of issuing marriage licenses and providing civil solemnization services within the Municipality of Wawa. The civil marriage service provides economic benefit to the community, and attracts other persons to the community thus improving the quality of life for the local residents.

### **Authority**

Ontario Regulation 285/04 amended the Marriage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.3, by adding the following section:

- 1.1 For the purposes of subsection 24(1) of the Act, the Clerk of a local municipality is authorized to solemnize marriages under the authority of the license.

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 Council by-law.

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

## **Delegation of Authority**

Under Section 228(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, 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.

## **Fees**

The fee for service is payable at time of booking. The Municipality may charge a location fee, and travel expenses for a marriage held outside the Municipal Council Chambers.

Please note the Civil Marriage Service does not include the Marriage License Fee.

## **Legal Requirements**

The Municipal Clerk, Deputy Clerk or designate will act as Officiant to solemnize the Civil Marriage Ceremony. The Civil Marriage Service will be a non-denominational and dignified ceremony, which adheres to the requirements of the *Marriage Act* for the Province of Ontario.

## **Civil Marriage Ceremony**

Ceremonies, available in English (and French upon request), are simple and dignified and are conducted in the Council Chambers (or other location at the discretion of the Municipal Clerk) which provides an intimate and formal setting. 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. If an interpreter is required, more time would be needed.

Civil marriages will be conducted by the Clerk or designate subject to their availability. The Clerk, in his/her, sole discretion shall

ensure the date/time/place that the civil marriage will be performed is appropriate.

It is recommended that ceremonies are booked in advance to allow for a pre-ceremony meeting at least three (3) days prior to the Ceremony. Same day service for a Civil Marriage Ceremony is possible provided a valid Ontario Marriage License is produced, the Council Chambers is vacant, an Officiant is available and a pre-ceremony meeting takes place prior to the ceremony.

**To help make this important day as beautiful, dignified and intimate as possible, this package contains information to assist you with learning more about the Civil Marriage Service and planning your Ceremony.**

Enclosed you will find:

**a) Civil Marriage Ceremony Guidelines:**

The guidelines provide answers to frequently asked questions with regard to Civil Marriages at the Town Hall.

**b) Civil Marriage Ceremony Booking Agreement:**

A booking is not confirmed until this Agreement is completed and returned to the Clerk's Office with full payment. The Municipality will accept a certified cheque, cash, debit credit (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card) as well as Visa Debit cards.

*The ceremony booking fee does not include the Marriage License. The Clerk or designate will issue a marriage license.*

**c) Pre-Ceremony Information Questionnaire:**

This information will assist the Officiant and the Applicants to plan and coordinate the details of the Ceremony.

**d) Sample Vows:**

We have included several examples of vows which the Applicants may choose from including a simple vow and two options. There is a provision to allow Applicants to write custom vows for the service which can be inserted between the mandatory declarations required under the *Marriage Act*.

**e) Our Facility and the Officiants:**

Town Hall, Council Chambers, offer a quiet ambiance and intimate setting for your Civil Marriage Ceremony and includes the use of the Facility and Grounds for picture opportunities for the Applicants.



## Civil Marriage Ceremony Guidelines

1. Ceremonies will be conducted in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 40 Broadway Avenue, during regular office hours. Exceptions may be granted outside office hours or other location at the discretion of the Municipal Clerk and upon availability.
2. Fees are payable in advance at the time of booking and a Booking Agreement is executed. The Town accepts certified cheques, cash, credit or debit cards. The ceremony fee does not include the Marriage License Fee.
3. Changes to the date and/or time are permitted at no additional charge, provided the location and Officiant are available. An administrative fee of \$100.00 will be applied should the Ceremony be cancelled following the pre-ceremony meeting. 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.
4. A request for a Civil Marriage Ceremony is to be received a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the date of the Ceremony.
5. The duration of the Marriage Ceremony will be approximately 30 minutes. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the Ceremony to allow time for review of final details.
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 Officiant 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. If you have concerns about your planned attire, please speak to your Officiant prior to the scheduled date.
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 30 guests (not including the wedding party) can be accommodated in the Council Chambers (gallery section).
11. The taking of photographs and videotaping of the Ceremony will be permitted subject to certain limitations at the discretion of the Officiant. Please speak to your Officiant about your plans.
12. No confetti, rice, bubbles, etc., are allowed in the municipally owned buildings or grounds.
13. 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 the Municipal Building**

14. If the ceremony takes place in a facility not owned by the Municipality, it is the responsibility of the applicants to make the appropriate arrangements and pay for the facility.
15. If the ceremony takes place outside the municipal boundaries, it is the responsibility of the applicants to pay for the celebrant's mileage expenses and shall be calculated using the rate established by the municipality.

### **Notes:**

- a) The couple is required to have two (2) 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 witness. Witnesses are available through the Municipal Office at an additional fee.



- c) Any deviation from the above guidelines are at the discretion of the Officiant.
- d) It is the Applicants' responsibility to provide an interpreter if they do not speak English and/or require language assistance. The interpreter cannot be one of the witnesses. The interpreter shall be required to sign a form confirming that he/she has interpreted the wedding ceremony,
- e) If personal vows are to be made, a written copy is to be submitted to the Officiant for review. Bring a written copy to the pre-ceremony meeting.
- f) 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.

### **Entry in Marriage Register**

1. Section 29 of the Marriage Act states that every person authorized to solemnize marriages may apply to the Minister for a marriage register.
2. The Clerk will apply for a marriage register for the purposes 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.
3. 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 Register General within two (2) days following the marriage as per the requirements of Section 2 (3) of Ontario Regulation 302/05.

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.56*, and will be used for the purpose of providing the civil marriage solemnization services. Questions with respect to the collection of personal information should be addressed to the Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Wawa, 40 Broadway Ave., P.O. Box 500, WAWA, ON P0S 1K0.



**Municipality of Wawa**  
**Civil Marriage Ceremony**  
**Booking Agreement**



Applicant's Name		
Co-Applicant's Name		
Ceremony Date		Time AM / PM
Ceremony Location		
Contact Telephone Number	Day	Evening

1. Smoking, bubbles, candles, confetti, rice or flower petals are not allowed in or on municipal property.
2. The Applicants, as the renters of the Council Chambers for the Civil Marriage Ceremony, do hereby consent to defend and indemnify The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa for any loss or damages incurred by their invitees. The Applicants agree that The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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 the Council Chambers 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, Deputy Clerk or designate.
5. All exits must be kept free from obstructions in case of fire.

6. The Council Chambers are available for a maximum of one and one-half hours only, which rental cost is included in the ceremony fee during office hours. Minimal decorating is permitted in the Council Chambers. Other municipal halls may be rented at additional costs.
7. Music deemed by the Officiant to be appropriate to the occasion will be allowed.
8. Changes to date and/or time are allowed at no additional charge, provided that the venue and the Officiant are available. Requests to change the date and/or time 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 following the pre-ceremony meeting.
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, cash, debit or credit card).

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Signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Office Use Only****Name of Officiant:****Signature of Clerk's Office Representative:****Date:****Ceremony Fee:**Option  #1  #2  #3**Total Amount To Be Paid: \$****Additional Fees:**  **Witness Fee**  **Mileage Fee**  **Location Fee**

Breakdown of fees:

**Paid/Receipt Attached:**  Yes  No **Receipt Number:****Payment Method:**  Cash  Debit  Credit Card  Certified Cheque**Additional Comments:****Pre-Wedding Consultation Date:****Cancellation****Cancelled by:****Date:****Signature of Clerk's Office Representative:****Cancellation Type:**  Telephone  Letter  Facsimile  Email  Other:**Refund****Type:**  cheque  Credit Card**Cheque No:** **Full Refund: \$** **Partial Refund: \$****Refund Date:****Staff Signature:**



# Civil Marriage Ceremony Pre-Ceremony Meeting

*(To be completed by the Applicants and reviewed with the Officiant at the Pre-Ceremony Meeting)*

## **Applicant Information:**

Name of Applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Name of Co-Applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Marriage License No.:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Licence Issued:

\_\_\_\_\_

I.D. Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)

I.D. Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Co-Applicant)

## **Ceremony Information:**

Ceremony Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Ceremony Time:

\_\_\_\_\_

Ceremony Venue:

\_\_\_\_\_

Witness #1: Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.:

\_\_\_\_\_

Over 16?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

Witness #2: Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.:

\_\_\_\_\_

Over 16?  Yes  No

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Ceremony/Vows

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

Attached and approved  
 Yes  No

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Will anyone be giving applicant away?

Yes  No

**Name:**

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Will rings be exchanged during the ceremony?

Yes  No

**How Many?**

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Will there be a flower girl?

Yes  No

**Name and Age?**

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Will there be a ring bearer?

Yes  No

**Name and Age?**

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Is an interpreter required?

Yes  No

**Interpreter Name:**

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Will there be a photographer?

Yes  No

Will there be a videographer?

Yes  No

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Will there be music?

Yes  No

**Type:**

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When will the music be played?

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Will there be decorations? Type?

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Will you kiss at the end of the ceremony?

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How would you like to be introduced at the end of the ceremony?

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(Council Chambers may accommodate 30 seated guests).

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Anticipated No. of Guests:

Are there any other additions to the ceremony?

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Additional Comments or Requests:

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How did you meet?

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Ceremony Fees:

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Paid Receipt No.

Signatures:

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Applicant

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Co-Applicant

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Officiant

Date:

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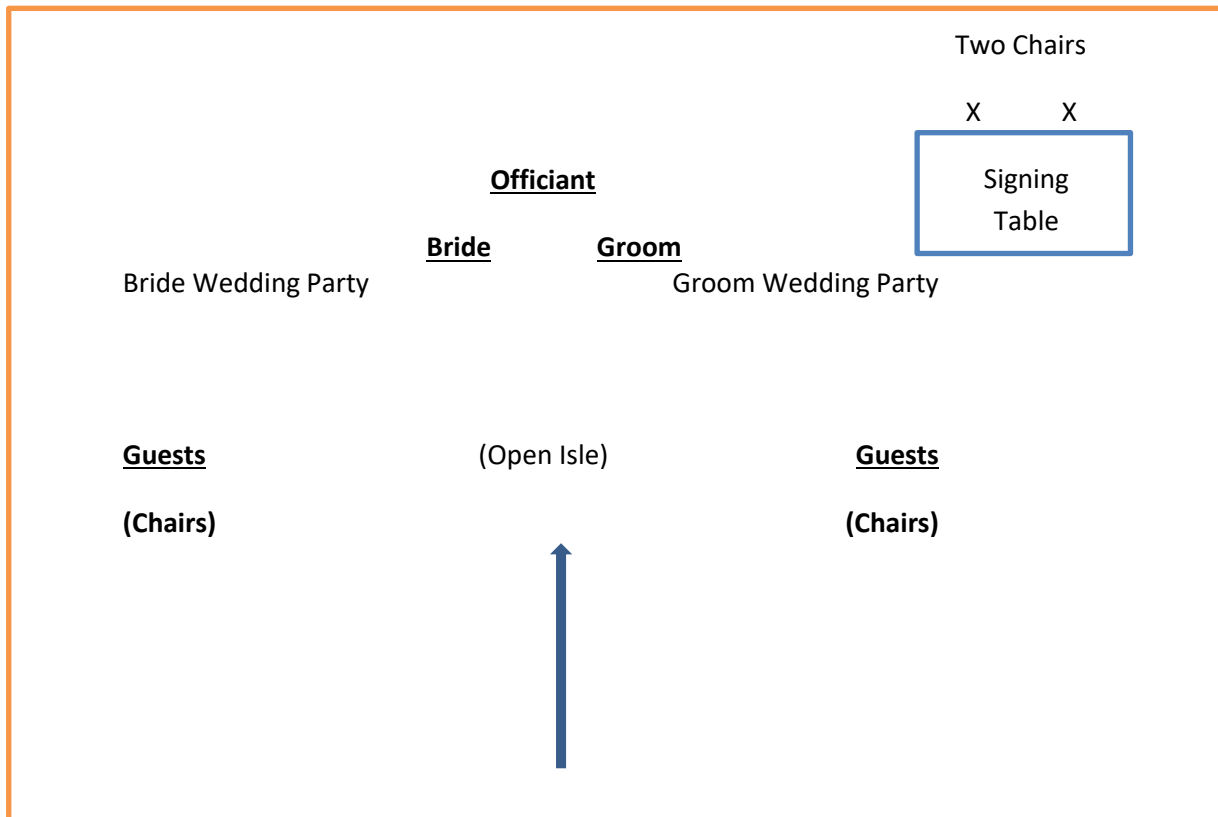
## Marriage and Ceremony Fees 2025

<b>Option #1 *</b>		<b>Fee</b>
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.		\$250.00
Witness – at Town Hall only		\$25.00 each
<b>Option # 2 *</b>		
Friday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	48 Hours' notice	\$300.00
<b>Option # 3 *</b>		
Friday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Less than 48 hours' notice	\$400.00
<b>Location</b>		
<b>A)</b> Town Hall		No Additional Fee
<b>B)</b> In the Municipality of Wawa (includes Michipicoten River Village, Long Beach, etc.) plus mileage		\$25.00 + Mileage of \$0.58/km
<b>C)</b> Outside of Townsite of Wawa (within boundary) plus mileage		\$25.00 + Mileage of \$0.58/km
<b>D)</b> Outside of Municipality of Wawa Boundaries (plus mileage)		\$75.00 + Mileage of \$0.58/km
<b>Cancellation Fee</b>		
Cancellation Fee after consultation		\$100.00
<b>Marriage License</b>		
		\$125.00

\* Costs include rental of Council Chambers for Ceremony



## Room Layout/Sketch



*Bride on the Left and Groom on the Right.*

Here's why grooms usually stand on the right and brides on the left during a ceremony.

Long ago, the right arm was considered the sword arm of most fighting men. If a man had to protect his bride, he would hold her with his left hand, and fight off attackers with his right arm.

The reason that men may have to fight off others was because quite often women were kidnapped. Family members naturally wanted to rescue the stolen brides. Sometimes even during the wedding ceremony, the grooms had to fight off other men who were desirous of their brides, along with the bride's family members. So having his right arm free was an important strategy.

This tradition is followed today when facing the officiant, having the bride stand to the left, and the groom stand on the right.

Another reason is that the union of the right hands of the bride and groom symbolizes their union as one, their strength in being together, and the combined resources that they bring to their marriage.

Majority of the couples today still choose to stand with bride on the left and the groom on the right. It is okay to go against traditional customs. If you would like to mix thing up, please feel free to stand on whichever side makes you feel most comfortable.

# Marriage Ceremony Options

## 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 woman/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.

### **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.

(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 woman/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 woman 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.

### **(Rings)**

**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.

(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 woman/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 woman 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.

**(Rings)**

**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.

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



## **Option #4: Regular Ceremony**

### **SOLEMNIZER**

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 pleasures 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? (wait for answer)

**Personal vows (Person #1)**

**Personal vows (Person #2)**

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #1**

....., please repeat after me:

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

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #2**

....., please repeat after me:

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

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #1**

....., please repeat after me:

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, ..... do take you ..... to be my lawfully wedded (wife/life 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 #2**

....., please repeat after me:

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

*(Signing of register)*

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

## **Option #5: Regular Ceremony with Rings**

### **SOLEMNIZER**

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 pleasures 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? (wait for answer)

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #1**

....., please repeat after me:

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

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #2**

....., please repeat after me:

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**SOLEMNIZER to Person #1**

....., please repeat after me:

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, ..... do take you ..... to be my lawfully wedded (wife/life 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 #2**

....., please repeat after me:

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

**Solemnizier**

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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 kiss (your bride/your partner).

*(Signing of register)*

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

## **Option #6: Regular Ceremony with Personal Vows and Rings**

### **SOLEMNIZER**

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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? (wait for answer)

**Personal vows (Person #1)**

**Personal vows (Person #2)**

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #1**

....., please repeat after me:

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

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #2**

....., please repeat after me:

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

**SOLEMNIZER to Person #1**

....., please repeat after me:

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**SOLEMNIZER to Person #2**

....., please repeat after me:

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

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*(Signing of register)*

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## **Our Facilities:**

Town Hall is located at 40 Broadway Avenue

Council Chambers. There are double door entrances to the Council Chambers (upstairs). If accessibility is a concern, we can offer an alternate



location.

The gallery seating in Council Chambers will accommodate up to 30 guests with an excellent view of the ceremony.



Winter view of town hall.

## **MUNICIPALITY OF WAWA**



The Municipality will work with a list of possible officiants available and assist all couples in fulfilling their wedding day plans and wishes.

Our Officiants are warm, welcoming and professional. They will do their utmost to ensure the right ambiance at every wedding they conduct.

