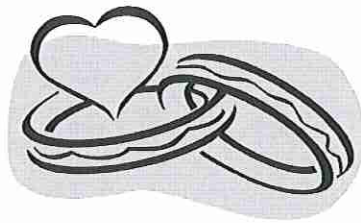


# City of Mississauga



## Civil Marriage Ceremony Information Package



**INTERPRETER CERTIFICATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of the  
(Interpreter's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of  
(City where the Interpreter resides)

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at the City of Mississauga Civic Centre, I faithfully performed  
the services of Interpreter from the English language into \_\_\_\_\_ (and

(language)  
from \_\_\_\_\_ back in to the English language) in or in connection with  
(language)

a Civil Marriage Ceremony solemnized between

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interpreter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

## Civil Marriage Services

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1. CIVIL MARRIAGE SERVICES: will be provided by the Office of the City Clerk. Due to the civil nature of the service, there cannot be any religious connotation to the ceremony.
2. CEREMONIES: will be conducted in the Civic Centre Chapel, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Rose Garden or Great Hall Conservatory between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Statutory Holidays). Please note that the Wedding Chapel, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Rose Garden (outdoor venue) and Conservatory can be booked through the City's Facility Booking office at (905) 615-4100. **Please note that you will be required to have a copy of your booking invoice with you on the day of your ceremony.**
3. WITNESSES: You are required to bring two (2) witnesses to be present during the ceremony. Although there is no minimum age requirement for a witness, it is suggested that they should be at least fourteen (14) years of age and should be able to understand and appreciate the ceremony which is taking place and be able to give evidence of such at a later date, if required.
4. INTERPRETER: It is the responsibility of the applicants to provide an interpreter if they do not speak English or if they require language assistance. The interpreter should not be one of the witnesses. The interpreter will be required to sign a form confirming that he/she has interpreted the wedding ceremony.
5. CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICIANT:
  - A mandatory consultation should be scheduled at least three (3) days prior to the day of the ceremony with an Officiant in the Office of the City Clerk. Meeting arrangements can be made by attending in person at the Office of the City Clerk or calling 3-1-1 or if calling from outside City limits 905-615-4311.
  - Applicants will be required to make payment for the civil ceremony Officiant at the time of the consultation.
  - Applicants must bring their receipt of payment for the ceremony location, if applicable.
  - Both applicants must be in attendance and provide current photo identification. (ie. Current Driver's Licence, Current Passport, Permanent Residency Card, Canadian Citizenship)
  - A valid Ontario Marriage Licence must be presented to the Officiant at this time. Licences may be purchased from any Ontario municipality and are valid for three (3) months after the date of issue.
  - A completed Civil Marriage Ceremony Questionnaire must also be completed and submitted to the Officiant, at the time of the consultation. Please provide written copies of any additional vows.
6. In order to maintain the dignity of the marriage ceremony, clothing should be appropriate for the occasion.

7. Alcohol or stimulants are not to be used by the applicants or their witnesses prior to or during the Marriage Ceremony. The Officiant may cancel the ceremony if this rule is violated.
8. No decorations, confetti, bubbles, candles or incense are allowed in or on the grounds of the Civic Centre in accordance with City Corporate Policy.
9. No music will be provided by the City during the ceremony.
10. The determination as to whether photographs will be taken during the ceremony should be made during the consultation.
11. **FEES: (payable at the time of your consultation).**

**Civil Marriage Ceremony - \$250.00 + \$32.50 (HST) = \$282.50**

**(Applicable fees and taxes are subject to change without notice)**

*Please Note: a \$100.00 administration fee shall be retained by the City should the scheduled Ceremony be cancelled after the consultation.*

**CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY  
QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please provide/complete the following information prior to attending the Pre-consultation meeting (PLEASE PRINT).

**1. Marriage Licence:**

Licence Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note: Marriage Licences are valid for only 3 months from date of issuance.)**

**2. APPLICANTS:** Please bring Photo I.D. to the Pre-Consultation Meeting  
(i.e. Current Driver's Licence, Current Passport, Permanent Residency Card, Canadian Citizenship)

**Applicant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo I.D. Shown (√)     

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation : \_\_\_\_\_

**Joint Applicant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo I.D. Shown (√)     

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Witnesses:** (It is suggested that witnesses be 14 years of age or older.)

**Witness 1:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness 2:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. City of Mississauga Policy Review:**

Please check (✓) that you have reviewed the following:

- No alcohol is permitted on City of Mississauga property.
- No consumption of alcohol shall be permitted prior to or during the ceremony for the couple and witnesses. (The Officiant may cancel the ceremony if this rule is violated.)
- No music will be provided by the City during the ceremony.
- No religious connotation shall be contained in the ceremony.
- No decorations or confetti, bubbles, candles or incense are allowed in or outside of City Hall.
- A copy of the Facility Booking Invoice shall be present on the day of the ceremony.

**5. Ceremony Details:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Ceremony Location: (indicate the booking location)

Wedding Chapel  Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Gardens  Conservatory

Facility Rental Contract # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Ceremony Option #: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be personalized vows? \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be acknowledgement of your children during the ceremony? Name(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Will anyone be giving away the applicant(s)? Name(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Will rings be exchanged? \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be an exchange of embrace (i.e. kiss) at the end of the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be photographs taken during the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/details: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Information contained on this form, is collected under the authority of Section 24 of the Marriage Act, R.S.O.1990, Chapter M3 and will be used for the purpose of performing a civil marriage ceremony. Questions regarding this collection should be directed to the Manager of Vital , 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga ON L5B 3C1 or call 3-1-1 or 905-615-4311.



## Civil Marriage Ceremony - Option #1

"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 now declare it or hereafter remain silent."

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

*Officiant to 1st person:* Repeat after me please:

**"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, \_\_\_\_\_, may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_."**

*Officiant to 2nd person:* Repeat after me please:

**"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, \_\_\_\_\_, may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_."**

*If either person is escorted forward, Officiant states:*

"Who is it that gives this \_\_\_\_\_ (man/woman/these individuals) in marriage?"  
Answer "I/we do". (father, mother, children, relatives, etc.)

### DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

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

*Officiant to 1st person:*

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

*Officiant to 2nd person:*

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

## EXCHANGE OF RINGS

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

*Officiant to 1st person:*

Please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_'s left hand saying after me:  
"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring is the symbol of my love."

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

*Officiant to 2nd person:*

Please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_'s left hand saying after me:  
"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring is the symbol of my love."

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which may grow more meaningful with each passing day.

## PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have pledged themselves to each other and have declared this symbolically by their vows and the exchange of rings.

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

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

## SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

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

## CEREMONY CONCLUSION

I wish you a long life, happiness, prosperity and may the vows you have made to each other today, sustain you forever.

*Officiant:* "May I introduce to you the married couple."

**NOTE: Bolded text is mandatory for the ceremony.**

## Civil Marriage Ceremony Option #2

### THE PURPOSE

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, I welcome and thank you for being here on this 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. This afternoon/evening we are here to celebrate love. We come together to witness and proclaim the joining together of these two persons in marriage.

This is an important and joyous occasion for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who will today make a commitment to each other, before witnesses, to pledge themselves, by mutual consent, to a union in friendship and life which is one of the most sacred of all human ties. Marriage is 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 now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

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

*Officiant to 1st person:* Repeat after me please:

**"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, \_\_\_\_\_, may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_".**

*Officiant to 2nd person:* Repeat after me please:

**"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, \_\_\_\_\_, may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_".**

*If either person is escorted forward, Officiant states:*

"Who is it that gives this \_\_\_\_\_ (man/woman/these individuals) in marriage?"  
*Answer "I/we do". (father, mother, children, relatives, etc.)*

### DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

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

*Officiant to 1st person:*

**"I call upon these persons here 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 2nd person:*

**"I call upon these persons here 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."**

## EXCHANGE OF RINGS

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

*Officiant to 1st person:*

Please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_'s left hand saying after me:  
"This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

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

*Officiant to 2nd person:*

Please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_'s left hand saying after me:  
"This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which may grow more meaningful with each passing day.

## PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have pledged themselves to each other and have declared this symbolically by their vows and the exchange of rings. I, \_\_\_\_\_, **by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Ontario Marriage Act*, do hereby pronounce you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be (husband and wife/partners in life/married).**

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

## SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

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

## SERVICE CONCLUSION

As you enter upon your marriage, consider that the honour of the nation and its people is based upon the quality of its homes, and the future of the nation is in the hands of the issue of each home. Let your home be as 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.

*Officiant:* May I introduce to you the married couple.

**NOTE: Bolded text is mandatory for the ceremony.**

## Civil Marriage Ceremony Option #3

### THE PURPOSE

We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple, under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario. The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage. Both of you 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. 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 now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

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

*Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:* Repeat after me please:

**"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:* Repeat after me please:

**"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, \_\_\_\_\_, may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_".**

Marriage is not a single event but, rather, a developing process. Marriage is the faithful union between two persons, the result of which is the formation of a family unit whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and in bad times. It is this relationship these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

*If either person is escorted forward, Officiant states:*

"Who is it that gives this \_\_\_\_\_(man/woman/these individuals) in marriage?"  
*Answer* "I/we do". (father, mother, children, relatives, etc.)

### DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

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

*Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:*

**"I call upon these persons here 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:*

**"I call upon these persons here 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."**

### EXCHANGE OF 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:*

Please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_'s left hand saying after me:  
"This ring I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us."

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

*Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:*

Please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_'s left hand saying after me:  
"This ring I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us."

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which will grow more meaningful with each passing day.

### PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have pledged themselves to each other and have declared this symbolically by their vows and the exchange of rings. I, \_\_\_\_\_, **by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Ontario Marriage Act*; do hereby pronounce you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be (husband and wife/partners in life/married).**

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

### SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

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

### CEREMONY CONCLUSION

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. I wish you happiness and prosperity and may the vows you made to each other today, sustain you forever.

*Officiant:* "May I introduce to you the married couple."

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