

# **A Wedding Celebration of Love (Civil Ceremony)**

**For Bayfield and Elope Guelph Weddings**

Welcome everyone it is an honour today as we gather together with N & N to celebrate this transformative moment in their lives as they join hearts and hands in love to become one, together in marriage.

Your separate journeys have brought you to this interconnecting place in time, a place of great joy and fulfillment.

You have found your heart's desire in one another. You have found that one person within whom you choose to share your love with.

It is that magnificent connection that we honour today as the two of you come to be married. The promise of marriage is a magical exchange of intention that offers you both continued joy, confirmation, respect and support for the rest of your lives.

The promises you make today, these treasured words that speak of the deep love that you share, will see you through all of life's challenges and celebrations.

Today N & N, by joining hands, exchanging vows and rings and expressing your intention to create a future together, your lives are converted and now merge into one.

May this powerful gift called love that has called you together grow brighter and more brilliant each day, and may these vows offered today bring you joy and happiness in one another for all the days to come.

(If readings they are to be incorporated, they are included here.)

## **The Declarations:**

N, will you take N to be your wife/life partner?

Will you stand by her/him no matter what happens, respecting her/him as a person, understanding her/his needs and enjoying her/his love for the rest of your life?

N: I will.

N, will you take N to be your husband/life partner? Will you stand by her/him no matter what happens, respecting her/him as a person, understanding her/his needs and enjoying her/his love for the rest of your life?

N: I will.

## **The Vows**

(The couple faces each other, join right hands and repeats after the officiant)

### Option 1

N: From this day forward, I, N, take you N as my best friend for life.  
I promise to be your loyal partner and give you my unconditional love.  
I pledge to respect, encourage and support you through our journey together.  
I promise to work tirelessly at our love and always make you a priority in my life.  
With every beat of my heart, I will love you. This is my promise to you

### Option 2

N: From this day forward, I, N, take you N as my companion for life, the one I will cherish, dream with, and love forever.  
I look forward to all of our tomorrows, knowing we will walk it together, side by side, hand in hand, and heart to heart. Before us lies a future together, filled with adventure and love. I choose to spend today, and all of my tomorrows, with you as my friend, my wife/husband and my love.  
This is my promise to you.

### Option 3 – Traditional

I, N, take you, N, to be my wife/husband/lifepartner/spouse  
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 for the rest of our lives.  
This is my solemn vow.

### Option 4 – Your own vows

## **Ring Ceremony**

The rings are held up by the couple for everyone to see.

These rings given and received are tokens of the promise made this day between N & N. Just as the circle of the ring has no beginning and no end, so too their love is unending. Just as the metal is pure and strong, so too is the pledge between them. Let these rings say to all that your commitment is deep and never ending.

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(If additional elements are to be included, they usually are included here. Candle lighting, handfasting, etc.,)

## **The Blessing**

As you are joined together by these vows as partners for life, remember that your life together is upheld and guided and supported at all times by Love.

May your life together be filled with happiness and love for each other and a deepening of your connection that grows more beautiful every day.

May you celebrate with every day to come, the joy and love you are called to share. May you be content in your work and in your companionship, in your life together as two persons now sharing a life together as one.

N & N, you have declared your love for each other and your intentions for the future. You have made a sacred promise with each other and have symbolized it by joining hands, and by making solemn promises to each other. May your love continue to unite you so may you live together in joy and peace till your lives end. It is my pleasure that I now pronounce that you are now husband and wife/life partners Or, in the case of same-sex couples: I now pronounce that you are wives/husbands to one another and married partners for life.

You may kiss the bride./Husband /You may seal your vows with a kiss.

Signing of the Register Announce the Couple Recessional