

CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Sample of Preliminary Remarks

We have come together to witness the marriage of (full name of applicant) and (full name of co-applicant), according to The Marriage Act, 1995 of Saskatchewan.

Marriage is a time-honoured institution, based upon traditions of law and social custom. It is a partnership of two people devoted to one another - a partnership sustained by mutual love and understanding through all of life's varied circumstances.

Marriage must not be entered into lightly, but rather with thoughtful consideration of its purpose and responsibilities. There should also be recognition of those values which foster a lasting and fulfilling relationship between (husband and wife) or (two people). It is into such a relationship that you have chosen to enter today.

VOWS (Wording as prescribed in Section 31 of The Marriage Act, 1995 must be used)

Marriage Commissioner: *I now ask each of you in the presence of these witnesses to declare, repeating after me:*

Applicant: *I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I*

_____ may not be joined in matrimony to _____
 (full name of applicant) (full name of co-applicant)

Co-applicant: *I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I*

_____ may not be joined in matrimony to _____
 (full name of co-applicant) (full name of applicant)

Marriage Commissioner: *Will you please repeat after me, each to the other:*

(If the applicant is to present the co-applicant with a ring, they could do so at this time).

Applicant: *I call upon these persons here present to witness that I*

_____ do take thee _____
 (full name of applicant) (full name of co-applicant)

to be my lawful wedded wife/spouse.

(If the co-applicant is to present the applicant with a ring, they could do so at this time).

Co-applicant: *I call upon these persons here present to witness that I*

_____ do take thee _____
 (full name of co-applicant) (full name of applicant)

to be my lawful wedded husband/spouse.

Marriage Commissioner: *I, _____ a marriage commissioner, by virtue of the*

powers vested in me by The Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you

_____ and _____ to be husband and wife .or
 (name of applicant) (name of co-applicant) (to be lawfully married)

**Please Note* - There are to be no religious connotations in a civil ceremony.*