City of Vaughan

Vow Renewal Ceremony Information Package

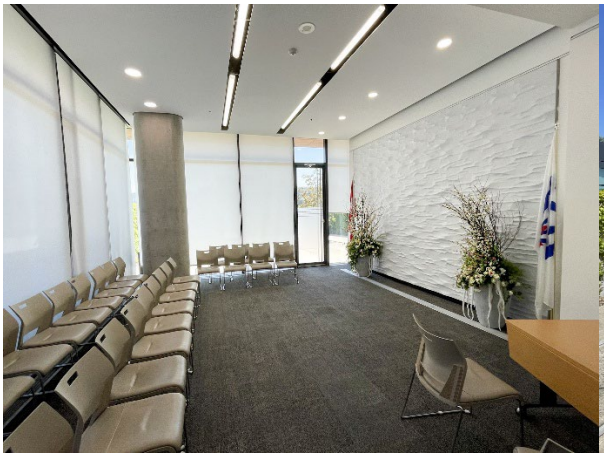
2026 Version

City of Vaughan Marriage Services

Couples wishing to have their vow renewal ceremony at Vaughan City Hall may apply for marriage services through the Office of the City Clerk. Due to the civil nature of the service, there cannot be any religious connotation to the ceremony.

Location

The City Hall Garden Room is available to host vow renewal ceremonies. The maximum capacity of this room is 49 people (couple + officiant + 2 witnesses + 44 guests).



Date and Time

Ceremonies are available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays. Evening and weekend availability is subject to the availability of an officiant. In all instances, the ceremony room is provided for a maximum of one hour.

Reservation

You may book a ceremony up to 3 months in advance. Please provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice. To schedule a ceremony, you may contact the Office of the City Clerk:

- By phone: (905) 832-8504
- By email: registrationservices@vaughan.ca
- In person: 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, 1st floor – south loft

Once the Office of the City Clerk has assigned an officiant to your ceremony, you will be contacted to schedule a mandatory pre-ceremony consultation.

Fees

- Vow Renewal Ceremony - $312.00 + $40.56 (HST) = $352.56

Cancellation and Rescheduling

Prior to your consultation, you may cancel or reschedule your ceremony without penalty. While reschedules are permitted without penalty after the consultation, availability with the same officiant may be limited. If a ceremony is cancelled after the consultation, a refund minus $100 + HST administrative fee will be issued. Please allow 2 to 3 weeks for processing.

Consultation with the Officiant

You will be required to attend a consultation with the marriage officiant, to be scheduled by appointment for at least three (3) business days prior to the day of the ceremony.

- The ceremony fee shall be paid in full at the time of the consultation. Acceptable methods of payment are cheque, debit, Visa and Mastercard.
- At least one applicant must attend the consultation.
- A Civil Marriage Ceremony Questionnaire must be completed and submitted to the Officiant at the time of the consultation.
- Please provide written copies of any additional vows.

Ceremony Policies and Guidelines

1. To maintain the dignity of the marriage ceremony, clothing should be appropriate for the occasion.
2. 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.
3. No decorations, confetti, bubbles, candles, live animals (not including service animals) or incense are allowed in or on the grounds of the City Hall. Bouquets of flowers are accepted inside the ceremony room.
4. No music will be provided by the City during the ceremony, and no speaker system is installed in the ceremony room.
5. The determination as to whether photographs will be taken during the ceremony should be made during the consultation.
6. The City does not provide private dressing facilities for the bridal party.
7. Applicants shall be responsible for the conduct of all persons attending a ceremony at City Hall.

Civil Ceremony Questionnaire

Please print the following information prior to attending the Pre-ceremony consultation.

1. Applicants

Applicant

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Occupation

Joint Applicant

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Occupation

2. City of Vaughan Policy Review

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

- ☐ No alcohol is permitted on City of Vaughan 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.

3. Ceremony Details

Date of Ceremony: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Ceremony Option #: _____

	Circle one option	
Will there be personalized vows? **Please bring your personal vows with you to the consultation.**	YES	NO
Will anyone be giving away the applicant(s)? Name(s) _____	YES	NO
Will rings be exchanged?	YES	NO
Will there be an exchange of embrace (i.e. kiss) at the end of the ceremony?	YES	NO
Will there be photographs taken at the ceremony?	YES	NO

Additional comments / details:

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Personal Information on this form, is collected under the authority of Section 24 of the Marriage Act, R.S.0.1990, Chapter M3 and will be used for the purpose of performing a civil marriage ceremony and for conducting a subsequent satisfaction survey. Questions regarding this collection should be directed to the Office of the City Clerk, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1 or by calling (905) 832-8504.

Vow Renewal Ceremony - Option # 1

_____ and _____, we take delight in sharing today's very special occasion with you. Lots of people believe that entering into marriage is the final step in a passionate relationship. The way they see it, a couple meets, gets to know each other, falls in love, decides they want to go through life together, and then take the final step-tying the knot. But the final step in a couple's relationship isn't marriage-it only marks the beginning of a grand adventure that will be long and fruitful for each couple.

Declaration of Intent and Vows

You've shared the joys, blessings, and yes, the challenges, of married life for 30 years. And, this day, it's your wish to reaffirm your commitment to working together to make your marriage grow and blossom in the years to come. May this ceremony, renewing the vows you took to become husband and wife on your wedding day, remind you that despite the stresses inevitable in every life, your love, respect, trust and understanding of each other will continue to increase your contentment and heighten your joy in living.

Would you please face each other and join hands.

Officiant to 1st person:

"_____, will you continue to have _____ as your wife/husband/spouse/partner and continue to live in this marriage? (*Response:* I WILL) Do you reaffirm your love for her/him/them, and will you love, honour and cherish her/him/them in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse, and forsaking all others, be faithful to her/him/them as long as you both shall live? (*Response:* I DO)"

Officiant to 2nd person:

"_____, will you continue to have _____ as your wife/husband/spouse/partner and continue to live in this marriage? (*Response:* I WILL) Do you reaffirm your love for her/him/them, and will you love, honour and cherish her/him/them in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse, and forsaking all others, be faithful to her/him/them as long as you both shall live? (*Response:* I DO)"

Exchange of Rings

On your wedding day, you exchanged rings as a symbol of the never-ending circle of love. Rings serve as a reminder of your wedding vows to each other, and your commitment to living in unity, love and happiness. At this time, it is appropriate to reconfirm the meaning of the rings you wear.

Officiant to 1st person: Please join your left hands together so that _____'s hand is on top and repeat after me: "_____, I wear this ring you placed on my hand as a symbol of my love and commitment to you.."

Officiant to 2nd person: Please join your left hands together so that _____'s hand is on top and repeat after me: "_____, I wear this ring you placed on my hand as a symbol of my love and commitment to you."

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

Pronouncement

I ask that you each remember to continue to cherish each other as special and unique individuals and that you each respect the thoughts and ideas of one another. And most of all, be able to forgive each other, and not hold grudges against one another. Live each day in love with each other, always being there to give love, comfort, and refuge to each other, in good times and bad. _____ and _____, today you have renewed the promises and vows you made to each other on your wedding day. You have symbolized the renewal of the marriage union by the joining of hands, the taking of vows, and by the wearing of your wedding rings.

Conclusion

It is with pleasure that I conclude the ceremony of renewing the vows of marriage that joined you and binds you as husband and wife/husband and husband/wife and wife/partners/spouses.

Please celebrate this renewal of vows with a kiss.

Vow Renewal Ceremony - Option #2

_____ and _____, I am honored to share this special day with you and your guests. While many people may think that their wedding day is the pinnacle of a couple's union, in reality it is just one step in a life-long journey. This journey will at times challenge your bond and test your convictions but the enduring love the two of you share for each other has given you the strength to face them head on. Today we gather to celebrate the eternal love and devotion you have for each other by renewing the vows you made to your partner many years ago.

Marriage is a covenant that grows stronger through time. To quote actress Simone Signoret, "Chains do not hold a marriage together. It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads, which sew people together through the years." Today we weave another thread into the bonds of your marriage.

I'd now like to thank the friends and family who have joined us today to celebrate this renewal of vows. For those of you who were fortunate enough to witness the first ceremony in which _____ and _____ exchanged their marital vows all those years ago, you have had the pleasure of witnessing the love and respect between these two flourish and prosper.

Today, we again have the honor to witness _____ and _____ renew their commitment in marriage as a gesture of their unending devotion.

Declaration of Intent and Vows

Throughout the history of humankind, love has been the most timeless treasure we can seek. The 19th century author George Eliot once opined, "What greater thing is there for two human souls, than to feel that they are joined for life–to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in silent unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting?"

Today Eliot's wisdom can be seen in _____ and _____ as they stand before us, ready and willing to reaffirm the vows that first joined their souls together.

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

Officiant to 1st person:

"_____, the love we have for each other which binds us together through marriage is something that I always cherish. I am grateful to be able to wake up every morning and choose to be with you, and today and each day forth I continue to choose you. My love for you has grown stronger and more unconditional since the day we first wed, and I know it will continue to grow day after day, year after year. Today I renew my vows to cherish you, support you, love you, and dedicate myself to you for as long as I shall live."

Officiant to 2nd person:

"_____, the love we have for each other which binds us together through marriage is something that I always cherish. I am grateful to be able to wake up every morning and choose to be with you, and today and each day forth I continue to choose you. My love for you

has grown stronger and more unconditional since the day we first wed, and I know it will continue to grow day after day, year after year. Today I renew my vows to cherish you, support you, love you, and dedicate myself to you for as long as I shall live."

Exchange of Rings

On your wedding day, you exchanged the rings you wear today. These rings are a symbol of the continuous love and commitment you make to each other every day. Much like your love for one another, these wedding bands can survive great pressure, and they will endure the tests of time.

Officiant to 1st person: Please repeat after me:
"I, _____, give you this ring as an everlasting symbol of my love for you and our marriage. It shall always be found around your finger, and you will always be found in my heart."

Officiant to 2nd person: Please repeat after me:
"I, _____, give you this ring as an everlasting symbol of my love for you and our marriage. It shall always be found around your finger, and you will always be found in my heart."

Pronouncement

I am honored to pronounce _____ and _____ as, once again, happily married! May the renewal of your vows strengthen the love you share and reaffirm your commitment to each other.

Conclusion

Ladies and gentlemen, I once again present to you *Mr./Mrs./Mx.* And *Mr./Mrs./Mx.* _____, their commitment renewed this day for all to see. May your life together be filled with joy and your love be forever bountiful.

I invite you to share a kiss and seal the renewal of your vows!

How did we do?

Thank you for choosing the City of Vaughan to mark your special day. We want to thank you for having your vow renewal ceremony with us. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and let us know how our team did?

Marriage Services Customer Satisfaction Survey (External Link)