# **Barrhaven United Church**

Wedding Policy

#### Fees

The fees for weddings at Barrhaven United Church are as follows:

Minister (Rev. Carla Van Delen	\$ <mark>3</mark> 00*
(Nev. Bana Van Belen	
Organist	\$250
(Marlene Peippo)	
Wedding Host	\$100
(Nancy Big Canoe)	φ100
Church	\$200
(Barrhaven United Church)	φ200
Sound Technician	\$75
(TBD)	φ/ 3

\* if the ceremony is held off-site, please add \$25 mileage fee to Minister's fee.

#### All fees are to be paid in cash or by cheque to the office one week prior to the wedding date.

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Barrhaven United Church believes that marriage is a union in which two people can find their richest fulfillment of life, body, mind, and spirit. We celebrate marriage as both a civil ceremony and a religious rite. We celebrate the marriages of those who have never been married, previously divorced, or who are widowed. We celebrate the marriages of those who have children, have no children, or have children from previous relationships. We celebrate the marriages of those who regularly attend worship and those who do not. We celebrate the marriages of inter-faith and multi-faith couples. We celebrate the marriages of couples of all sexual orientations, gender identities and cultural backgrounds. All are welcome.

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It is the desire of the Minister and the Worship Committee of Barrhaven United Church, through this policy, to help you plan your wedding so that it will be a meaningful service of worship for you and a memorable experience for those participating and in attendance. We pray that the love and joy that you experience before God on your wedding day will endure and that your years together will be rich with blessing.

#### Minister

The minister of Barrhaven United Church will officiate at all wedding services. Other arrangements in this regard shall be made with their approval. The minister may decline to perform a wedding ceremony where they determine it would be inappropriate to proceed.

The date and time for the wedding service and rehearsal shall be arranged with the minister and church office before any other firm wedding preparations or announcements are made by word or written invitation.

It will be necessary to meet at least twice with the minister to make proper marriage plans and preparations. This should be done well in advance of the wedding. Marriage preparation classes are highly recommended. The minister can refer you to a licensed therapist if you wish to take premarital counselling.

### License

Marriage licenses should be applied for through your local Ontario city hall.

The couple must have the license and the wedding fees (see back cover) in cash or cheque to the church office at least one week prior to the wedding date.



### Music

It is the responsibility of the couple to contact the church organist to discuss music. The church organist and the minister of Barrhaven United Church are responsible for all musical arrangements and the organist will play at all weddings and rehearsals. Alternate plans may be made in consultation with the church organist. In this case, the church organist will consult with the replacement organist regarding the choice of music for the service.



Approved special music must be available to the organist at least two weeks prior to the wedding service.

If a soloist\* (vocal or instrumental) is requested, arrangements are to be made with the church organist.



## **Pictures**

Still photographs may be taken during the Processional, signing of the register and the Recessional. **No photo-***graphs may be taken during the service*, as this is primarily a service of worship. This is consistent with the policy of Barrhaven United Church on photographs during services. Posed pictures may be taken after the wedding and should be prearranged with the minister.

A video of the wedding may be taken during the service from a designated location and must be arranged with the minister well in advance.

It is the responsibility of the couple to inform those attending of this policy.

#### **Pew Markers**

Pew markers need to be approved by the church. (This is to eliminate possible damage to the pews.)

# Confetti

The use of confetti/rice is not allowed in the church building or on church property.

### Receptions

Wedding receptions may be held in the hall of Barrhaven United Church and are subject to the conditions set forth in the "Bookings and Rental Policy." Please note neither smoking nor the use of alcohol are permitted in the building. Bookings and information are available through the church office.