

Excitedly and with lots of love, 70 people gathered at Fort Gibraltar this summer to witness the wedding of Sylvia and John. After a year of planning and saving, the day finally arrived that they would say "I do". With the help of family, friends and an *Options for Services* contractor, Sylvia and John spent just over a year planning their special day. They tasted cupcakes, made decorations, picked colors, created centerpieces and put their flair into each aspect.

Sylvia and John carefully created their guest list, to include many family and friends. They were quite thrilled when Sylvia's friend Crystal came from BC for the special day! Sylvia's friend Margo also made the trip from Saskatchewan and participated in the day by reading during the ceremony. There were several other friends that the bride and groom had not seen in a long time as well. The ceremony was filled with love and there wasn't a person who walked away from the wedding that didn't feel happier than when they arrived! The feelings of excitement and the overwhelming love could be felt by everyone in attendance.

The evening was also perfect for the bride and groom. John sang a song to Sylvia and he told her repeatedly how beautiful she looked. Candles were lit for people they love who have passed on, grace was said and then people ate a wonderful, but simple dinner....roast beef and poutine, followed by cupcakes for dessert. John's sister made a toast to the groom that had people laughing and crying! Sylvia's friend Lauren did the toast to the bride that was filled with lots of positive wishes for the new couple. It was a wonderful day and one that was held in their hearts as a dream for many years.

It's been about 4 months now since the wedding and the newlyweds are settling into their life together. They go to Special Olympic bowling each week where they get to see their friends and have a fun night out together. They are learning more about forgiveness and caring for another person. They have made some adjustments to their eating habits to manage some new health conditions and they are supporting one another to be the best person they can be. As always, I hope that the newlyweds continue to have a solid and supportive marriage as they embark on this new journey....a dream come true.

