

The 39 Articles of Religion constitute an important source of Anglican doctrine.
(<http://www.anglican.ca/about/beliefs/>)

Article XXXV... 'Of the Homilies' states that the second Book of Homilies is adjoined to the article since it contains godly and wholesome doctrine.

Homily #18 'Of the State of Matrimony' declares in its opening paragraph that marriage is between a man and a woman.

“The word of Almighty God doth testify and declare whence the original beginning of matrimony cometh, and why it is ordained. It is instituted of God, to the intent that man and woman should live lawfully in a perpetual friendly fellowship to bring forth fruit, and to avoid fornication: by which means a good conscience might be preserved on both parties in bridling the corrupt inclinations of the flesh within limits of honesty; for God hath straitly forbidden all whoredom and uncleanness, and hath from time to time taken grievous punishments of this inordinate lust, as all stories and ages hath declared.”

As such I submit that Anglican doctrine is rooted in marriage between a man and a woman and therefore the Canon should not be changed. In fact I maintain as long as the 39 Articles are part of the Anglican Church of Canada doctrinal statements the Canon cannot be changed.

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