

Original Submission – Chattopadhyay**Contact Information**

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Naming

Requested name: Chattopadhyay

Requested use of name: Street

Background Information (Reason for name request):

Arati and Prasanta (PK) Chattopadhyay have been a member of this community for the past 53 years. During this period, Arati has distinguished herself as a successful entrepreneur who introduced easy-to-prepare ethnic Indian cuisine to the mainstream community through Chatty's Indian Spices. Starting her career as a Registered Nurse, she successfully transitioned into the business world leaving a mark as an immigrant woman entrepreneur while remaining committed to community service both to her culture & faith communities as well as other charities of benefit to all. PK's work at the U of Saskatchewan in support of research in pathology allowed him to serve CUPE members at the university in areas of employment equity, collective bargaining was appreciated by all. Later, PK became active in financial management and sales promotion of Chatty's and as an active stakeholder in Saskatoon Farmers Market. PK's community service included service on the boards of Folkfest Saskatoon, canvassing for charities, delivering Meals on Wheels and as an active member of the Cardiac Artery Rehab Group, in addition to serving his faith and cultural groups. Both Arati and PK, working as a team, have contributed significantly to the diversity of business profile of Saskatoon and as continuing providers of service to the community.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

Arati Chattopadhyay immigrated to Canada from India in 1968 with her husband Prasanta. A graduate in Nursing from Delhi University College of Nursing (India), Arati worked at the Unity Union Hospital in Unity, Sk. as a Registered Nurse. In 1969, the family moved to Saskatoon where, until 1978, she worked as a Neuro-Surgical Registered nurse at the University Hospital. She then moved to Saskatoon City Hospital to work as an operating room nurse at the Saskatoon City Hospital, serving until 2002. It was a health issue that led her to reduce her workload. But instead of slowing down, she started delving into a new career in entrepreneurship. With the training and mentorship support from the Women Entrepreneurship Saskatoon, she embarked in 1996 on the uncharted future as the owner and President of Chatty's Indian Spices, a company offering packaged blend of Indian spices, chutneys and sauces. Soon, Chatty's became a familiar name in Saskatoon's offerings of ethnic foods, and Chatty's became a regular vendor at the Saskatoon Farmers Market. Over the years, Arati, together with Prasanta (PK), expanded their lines of packaged products at the local

supermarkets, became regular participants in trade shows in Saskatoon and other smaller communities throughout the province and beyond. Arati's foray into entrepreneurship and her successes in the new career was recognized by the YWCA Saskatoon at their Women of Distinction celebration in 2003. While continuing as an entrepreneur in Saskatoon, Arati remained engaged in many volunteer activities in the community, including as Neighbourhood Campaign Manager & Canvasser for Canadian Heart Foundation, Lung Association, and Kidney Foundation, delivering Meals on Wheels, serving as Volunteer Language interpreter at the hospitals, Immigrant women Saskatchewan, Folkfest India pavilion (served as Ambassador). She also served as President and Board member of the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan, as well as of the India-Canada Cultural Association. Arati ended her career as a businesswoman in 2021 after a 25-year stint.

Prasanta Chattopadhyay immigrated to Canada from India together with her wife Arati in 1968 and joined Wilkie School District as a teacher. When Arati decided to accept a Registered Nursing position in Saskatoon, Prasanta (PK) started graduate studies at the University of Saskatchewan. Eventually, PK became active as a research staff at the Department of Pathology and continued in that capacity until 1999. At the University of Saskatchewan, PK became active with CUPE 1975 and served on committees associated with employment equity, scholarship, employee parking and salary and benefits negotiation for unionized employees. As a community volunteer, PK served on the Boards of River Heights Community Association, India Canada Cultural Association, Hindu Society of Saskatchewan and Folkfest Saskatoon (Vice President and Board Member). Following his recovery from a heart attack, PK served the Cardiac Artery Rehab Group Programme run by City and Health Board for 27 years. PK also found the time to deliver Meals on Wheels, canvas for Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Lung Association. PK is well known to the regular vendors and customers of the Saskatoon Farmers Market where he became the regular face of Chatty's Indian Spices. He served the company in sales promotion and financial management, purchasing and participated in all the company's trade shows in Saskatoon and then gradually spreading into other communities in Saskatchewan, as well as selected locations in Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario. PK ended his formal association with the business community in 2021, when Chatty's decided to close its doors in late 2021 but continues to remain an informal mentor to many of the newcomers to Saskatoon.

Attachment:

See Images below

Additional comments:

Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? Yes



Dear Arati and PK,

Congrats on your retirement from the market. Good people like yourselves are what made the SFM so vibrant and long lasting. Wishing you the best in the future and lots of relaxation!

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