

## Cricket Council of Ontario spreads its Wings

### Eastern Ontario Cricket Association takes shape in Belleville, Ontario



*CCO President Leslie Soobrian and Cricket Canada President Ranjit Saini attended the historic meeting*

In a historic gathering of young cricket enthusiasts and experienced administrators, Eastern Ontario Cricket Association was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011. In a well organised membership meeting in Belleville, Ontario the foundation of the new association was laid, when new members passed a resolution to create the new association which will become the official member representing eastern Ontario in the Cricket Council of Ontario (CCO).

Leslie Soobrian, President, Cricket Council of Ontario, after having been appointed returning officer by the members present, conducted the elections for the newly formed association. Positions of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Secretary were filled by acclamation. "This marks the beginning of a new era, in the eastern Ontario as CCO spreads its activities for growth of Cricket in Ontario", commented Soobrian after the meeting.



Cricket Canada President, Ranjit Saini, who attended the meeting on the invitation of Cricket Council of Ontario, thanked the persons in attendance and shared a brief history of cricket in Canada dating back to the 1<sup>st</sup> International Cricket match in 1844, played between Canada and the USA. In a speech that mainly focussed on grass roots development of Cricket in Canada, Mr. Saini emphasised the need to introduce cricket among youth and discussed several current and forth coming initiatives of Cricket Canada that will see a major push towards turning the game into a major national sport in the coming years.

Mr. Saini while speaking with participants talked about several major Cricket Canada initiatives that are on its way to improve and standardise cricket related processes in the country including infrastructure maintenance/development, junior development, and coaching, umpiring and domestic as well as commercial cricket projects. He further indicated that Cricket Canada was on the verge of a major breakthrough on its way to become a significant player in international as well as domestic cricket.

The newly elected President, in his brief speech to the members and assured hard work on behalf of the association and thanked the CCO President for his keen interest in helping develop interest in the eastern Ontario.

There was an atmosphere of joy and celebration in the meeting as new and founding members of the newly formed association introduced themselves and provided information on their back ground.



*The newly elected President, Suman Davanapalli speaks to the audience*

Elected Office Bearers of the Eastern Ontario Cricket Association are:

1. President: : SUMAN DAVANAPALLI
2. Vice President: ROBERT E. FIELDING
3. Secretary: DAVID ALEXANDER
4. Treasurer: PATTIPUTTUR MURUGA REDDY
5. Public Relations Officer: VIKAS PATEL
6. Assistant Tre./Sec.: RAHUL.S PANELIYA



*Arnold Madelia, Ranjit Saini and Leslie Soobrian with the newly elected executive*