

# Carr speaks with constituents

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clear the roads and provide public transportation. Gary Carr was quick to agree with this strategy but pointed out that parking lots around train stations needed expanding to allow all those wanting to use the train the opportunity to do so. As well, he pointed out that "we need to get trucks off of the Windsor-Montreal corridor and onto an intermodal."

This comment lead to an unknown man accusing Carr of having a "schizophrenic opposition and support of the intermodal," a charge that Carr was quick to deny, saying he was not against the idea of an intermodal. "I don't want it where it's going," he explained. "I don't want it on prime agricultural lands."

There were a large percentage of farmers in the audience that night, all with unique concerns they wanted addressed by Carr and the federal government. Carr made it clear that he understood the plight of the various farm industries represented, including the farmers of suffering under the current BSE border ban. A Nassagaweya sheep farmer pointed out that all livestock are affected by this, not just the cattle farms. "We need to increase our own slaughter capacity here in Canada and seek alternative markets," Carr said. "We need to begin now to take those steps. This industry is too important to the country and it is right at the brink. We need to be very specific about what needs to be done."

Development was another key issue touched on by many of the residents. Campbellville's Bob Beyette lamented that soon a view of the Niagara Escarpment would be impossible in the face of the rapid development Milton is experiencing. Carr was very clear that he would like to see more of the responsibility for planning and zoning put back into the hands of the municipal gov-

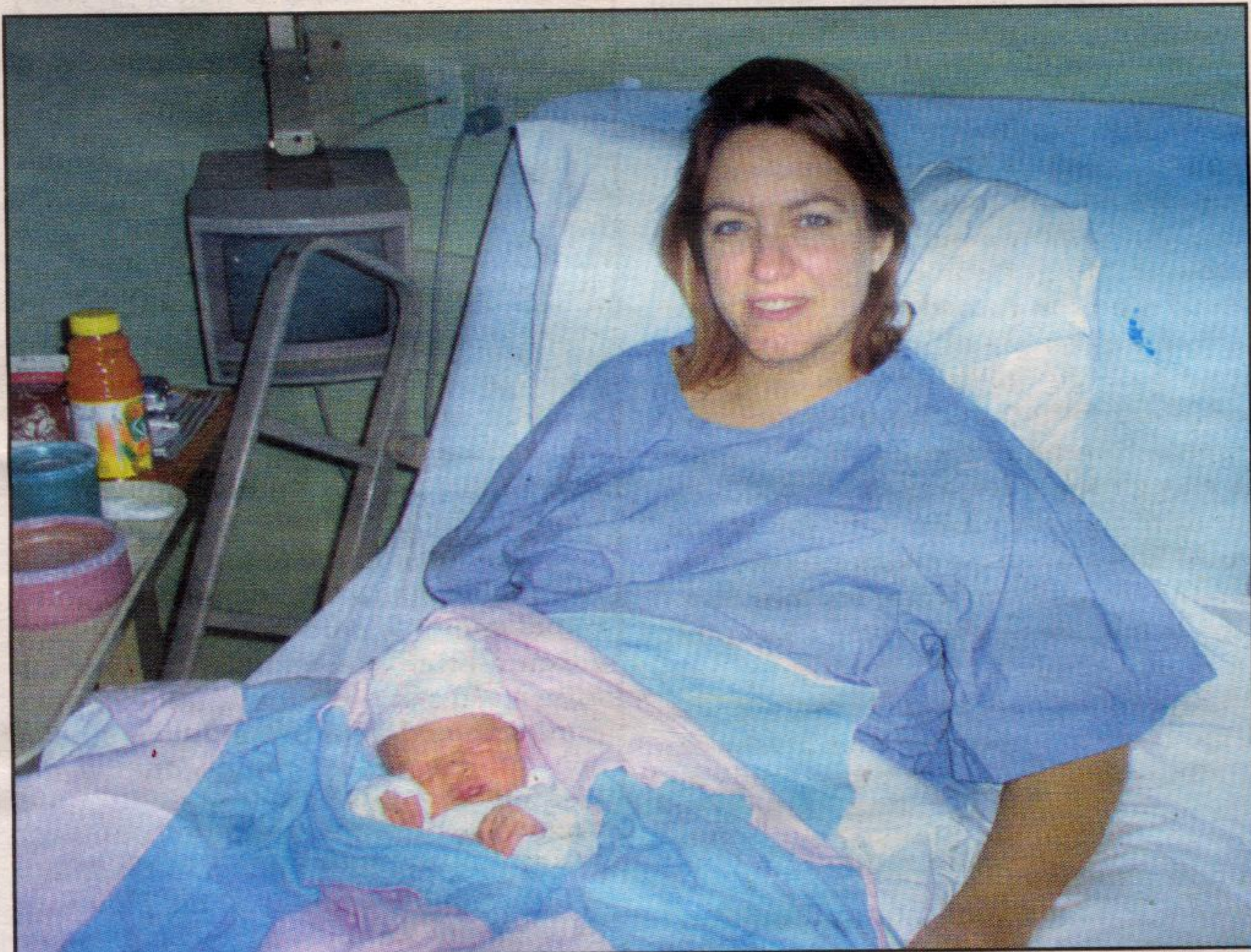
ernments, saying that "I trust them more than I do the bureaucrats."

One of Gary Carr's main messages for the evening was the promotion of his Citizen Advisory Panels. These committees of volunteers meet quarterly, providing Carr with direct input from his constituents. As well, when private members bills are tabled in the House, Carr e-mails these committees requesting feedback. While current committees have focussed on issues such as health-care and immigration, a new committee is being formed specifically to deal with rural and agricultural issues. Carr encouraged anyone interested in being part of his committees to contact his office. "The commitment that I make to you is that your voice will be heard," Gary Carr told his audience. "I will take the good advice that I get, back to the appropriate cabinet ministers."



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Gary Carr with Mike Grimwood, president of The Milton Rural Residents Association

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