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Losing the
language is like
losing history.

Elder Tom Dawson
Kwakwaka Speakers Gathering, 2001





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“Saving Kwakwala is a cultural imperative”

Elder Ethel Alfred



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We need a
house of
language.

ELDER TOM
SMITH



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“I believe Kwak’wala
will strengthen our
hearts and minds. I
will give my last
days to the
maintenance of
Kwak’wala”

Elder Flora Dawson

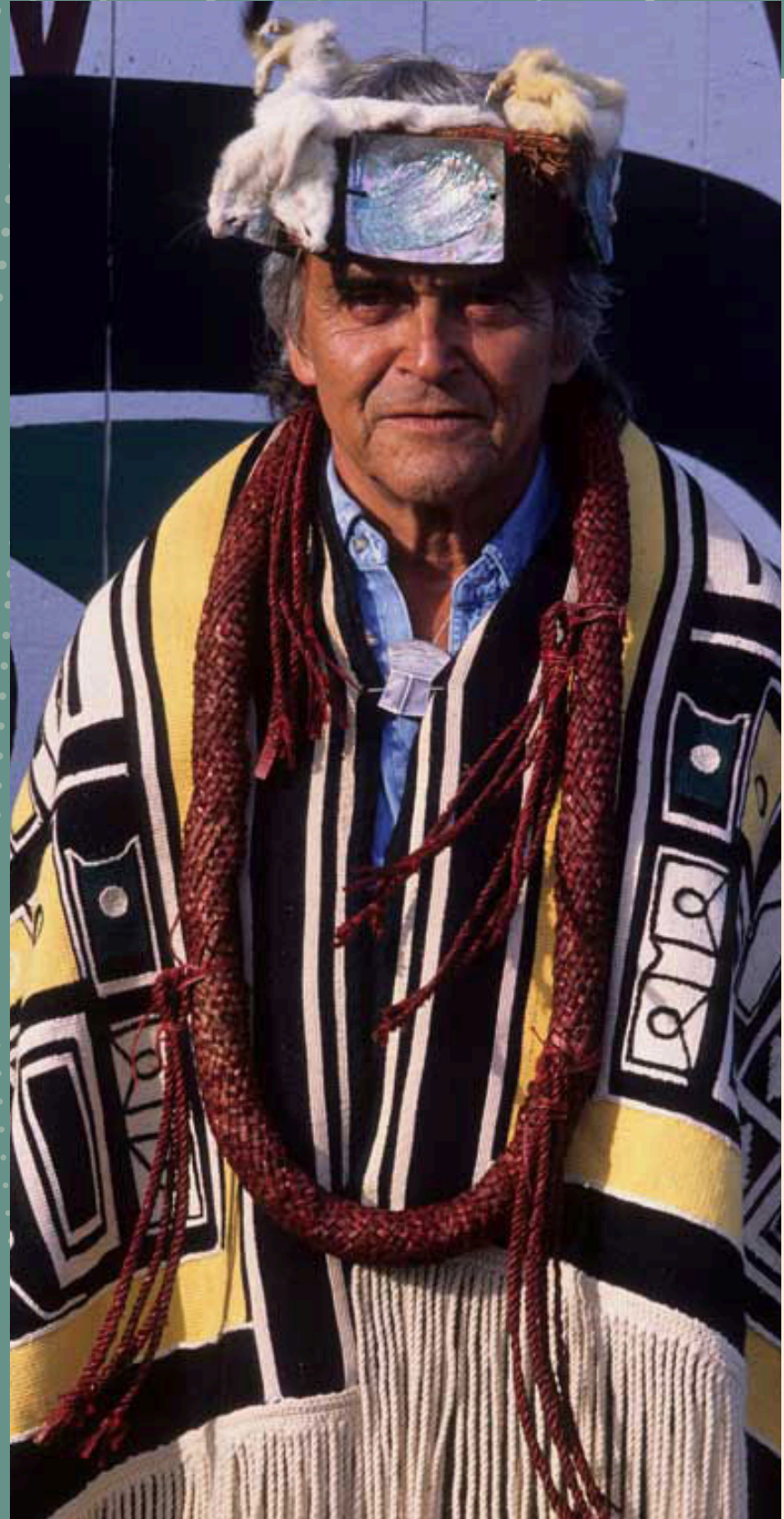




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“I am
optimistic:
we are close
to winning
this struggle”

**CHIEF BILL
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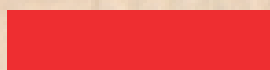
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“To Succeed, we need to
apply our own ways of
teaching and retaining our
language”

– Elder Diane Matilpi



**“We must
extend our
critical mass
of speakers
at home.”**

- CHIEF ROBERT
JOSEPH



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"The power of tradition is the power of language. Language is not simply for the basic form of communication; it is a daily expression of life"

ELDER BILL ROBERTSON

Assembly of Kwakwaka'wakw Elders

