the net pressures on the windward and leeward surfaces of the parapet. The provisions guide the designer to the correct  $GC_p$  and velocity pressure to use for each surface, as illustrated in Fig. C29.7-1.

Interior walls that protrude through the roof, such as party walls and fire walls, should be designed as windward parapets for both MWFRS and components and cladding.

The internal pressure that may be present inside a parapet is highly dependent on the porosity of the parapet envelope. In other words, it depends on the likelihood of the wall surface materials to leak air pressure into the internal cavities of the parapet. For solid parapets, such as concrete or masonry, the internal pressure is zero because there is no internal cavity. Certain wall materials may be impervious to air leakage, and as such have little or no internal pressure or suction, so using the value of  $GC_{pi}$  for an enclosed building may be appropriate. However, certain materials and systems used to construct parapets containing cavities are more porous, thus justifying the use of the  $GC_{pi}$  values for partially enclosed buildings, or higher. Another factor in the internal pressure determination is whether the parapet cavity connects to the internal space of the building, allowing the building's internal pressure to propagate into the parapet. Selection of the appropriate internal pressure coefficient is left to the judgment of the design professional.

## C29.9 MINIMUM DESIGN WIND LOADING

This section specifies a minimum wind load to be applied horizontally on the entire vertical projection of the building or other structure, as shown in Fig. C27.4-1. This load case is to be applied as a separate load case in addition to the normal load cases specified in other portions of this chapter.

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